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Late Lord High Chancellor of *England*, Privy Counsellor in
the Reigns of King CHARLES the First and the Second.

Κημία ἐς ἀεί. Thucyd.
Ne quid Falsi dicere audeat, ne quid Veri non audeat. Cicero.

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TO THE QUEEN.

MADAM,

TO Your Majesty is most humbly Dedicated this Second Part of the History of the Rebellion and Civil Wars, written by Edward Earl of Clarendon. For to whom so naturally can the Works of this Author, treating of the Times of Your Royal Grandfather, be address'd, as to Your Self; now wearing, with Lustre and Glory, that Crown, which, in those unhappy days, was treated with so much contempt and barbarity, and laid low even to the Dust?

This Second Part comes with the greater confidence into Your Presence, by the advantage of the favourable reception the First hath met with in the World; since it is not to be doubted, but the same truth, fairness, and impartiality, that will be found throughout the whole thread of the History, will meet with the same Candour from all equal Judges.

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'Tis true, some few Persons, whose Ancestors are here found not to have had that part during their lives which would have been more agreeable to the wishes of their surviving Posterity, have been offended at some particulars, mention'd in this History, concerning so near Relations, and would have them pass for mistaken Informations. But it is to be hoped, that such a concern of Kindred for their Families, though not blameable in them, will rather appear partial on Their side; since it cannot be doubted, but this Author must have had his materials from undeniable, and unexceptionable hands, and could have no temptation to insert any thing, but the truth in a work of this nature, which was design'd to remain to Posterity, as a faithful record of Things, and Persons in those Times, and of his own unquestionable sincerity in the representation of them.

In this assurance it is humbly hoped, it will not be unprofitable to Your Majesty to be here inform'd of the fatal and undeserv'd misfortunes of one of Your Ancestors, with the particular and sad occasions of them; the better to direct Your Royal Person through the continual uncertainties of the Greatness of this World. And as Your Majesty cannot have a better Guide, throughout the whole Course of Your Reign, for the good Administration of Your Government, than History in general, so there cannot be a more useful one to Your Majesty than this of Your own Kingdoms; and it is presum'd, without lying under the Imputation of misleading Your Majesty, it may be asserted that no Author could have been better instructed, and have known more of the Times and Matters of which he writes, than this who is here presented to You.

*Your Majesty may depend upon his Relations to be true in Fact; and You will find his Observations just; his Reflections made with judgement and weight; and his Advices given upon wise and honest Principles; not capable of being now interpreted as subservient to any Ambition or Interest of his own; and having now outliv'd the Prejudices and Partialities of the Times in which they were Written. And Your Majesty thus Elevated, as by God's blessings You are, from whom a great
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many Truths may be industriously conceal'd, and on whom a great many wrong Notions under false Colours may with equal care be obtruded, will have the greater Advantage from this faithful Remembrancer.

This Author, once a Privy Counsellor and Minister to two Great Kings, and, in a good degree, Favourite to one of Them, hath some pretence to be admitted into Your Majesty's Council too, and may become capable of doing You Service also; whilst the Accounts he gives of Times past, come seasonably to guide You through the Times present, and those to come.

This History may lie upon Your Table unenvied, and Your Majesty may pass hours and days in the perusal of it, when possibly, They who shall be the most useful in Your Service, may be reflected on for aiming too much at influencing Your Actions, and engrossing Your Time.

From this History Your Majesty may come to know more of the nature, and temper of Your own People, than hath yet been observ'd by any other hand. Neither can any Living Conversation lay before Your Majesty in one view, so many Transactions necessary for Your observation. And seeing no Prince can be endued in a moment with a perfect Experience in the Conduct of Affairs, whatever knowledge may be useful to Your Majesty's Government, if it may have been concealed from You in the Circumstances of your Private Life, in this History it may be the most effectually supplied; where Your Majesty will find the true Constitution of Your Government, both in Church and State, plainly laid before You, as well as the Mistakes, that were committed in the management of both.

Here Your Majesty will see how both those Interests are inseparable, and ought to be preserv'd so, and how fatal it hath prov'd to both, whenever, by the Artifice and Malice of wicked and self-designing Men, they have happen'd to be divided. And though Your Majesty will see here, how a Great King lost his Kingdoms, and at last his Life, in the Defence of this Church, You will discern too, that it was by Men who were no better

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Friends to Monarchy than to true Religion, that his Calamities were brought upon Him; and as it was the method of those Men to take exceptions first to the Ceremonies and outward Order of the Church, that they might attack her the more surely in her very Being and Foundation, so they could not destroy the State, which they chiefly design'd, till they had first overturn'd the Church. And a truth it is which cannot be controverted, That the Monarchy of England is not now capable of being Supported, but upon the Principles of the Church of England; from whence it will be very natural to conclude, that the preserving them both firmly United together, is the likeliest way for Your Majesty to Reign happily over Your Subjects.

The Religion by Law Establish'd is such a Vital part of the Government, so constantly woven and mixed into every branch of it, that generally Men look upon it as a good part of their Property too; since that, and the Government of the Church, is secured to them by the same Provision. So that it seems that, next to Treason against Your Sacred Person, an Invasion upon the Church ought to be watched and prevented by those who have the Honour to be trusted in the Publick Administration, with the strictest Care and Diligence, as the best Way to preserve Your Person and Government in their just Dignity and Authority.

Amongst all the Observations, that may be made out of this History, there seems none more Melancholick, than that, after so much misery and desolation brought upon these Kingdoms by that unnatural Civil War, which hath yet left so many deep and lamentable marks of it's Rage and Fury, there have hitherto appear'd so few signs of Repentance and Reformation.

Some Persons will see, they are design'd to be excepted out of this Remark, whose Conduct hath happily made amends for the Mistakes of their Ancestors, and whose Practice in the Stations they are now in, does sufficiently distinguish them. Happy were it for the Nation, had all the rest thought fit to follow so good Examples, and that either Acts of Indemnity and Oblivion,

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or Acts of Grace and Favour, or Employments of Authority, Riches, and Honour, had hitherto been able to recover many of them to the temper of good Subjects. The truth of this observation is set forth by this Author in so lively a manner; that one hath frequent occasions to look on him as a Prophet as well as an Historian, in several Particulars mention'd in this Book.

That this Remark may not look froward or angry, with great submission to Your Majesty, it may be consider'd, what can be the meaning of the several Seminaries, and as it were Universities; set up in divers parts of the Kingdom, by more than ordinary Industry, contrary to Law, supported by large Contributions; where the Youth is bred up in Principles directly contrary to Monarchical and Episcopal Government? What can be the meaning of the constant Solemnizing by some Men, the Anniversary of that dismal Thirtieth of January, in scandalous and opprobrious Feasting and Jesting, which the Law of the Land hath Commanded to be perpetually observ'd in Fasting and Humiliation? If no sober Man can say any thing in the defence of such Actions, so destructive to the very Essence of the Government, and yet impossible to be conducted without much Consultation and Advice, it is hoped this Reflection will not be thought to have proceeded from an uncharitable and ill-natur'd Spirit, but from a dutiful and tender Regard to the good of the Nation, and the prosperity of Your Majesty's Reign.

In the mean time, whether this does not look like an industrious Propagation of the Rebellious Principles of the last Age, and on that score render it necessary that Your Majesty should have an Eye toward such unaccountable Proceedings, is humbly submitted to Your Majesty; who will make a better Judgment upon the whole than any others can suggest to You: You have a greater Interest to do it; You have much more to preserve, and much more to lose; You have the happiness of Your Kingdoms, Your Crown, and Your Government to secure, in a time of as great difficulties, as ever were yet known, under a very Expensive War at present, and some Circumstances attending it in relation to these Nations,

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that may continue even after a Peace; besides the danger of a future Separation of the two Kingdoms, very uncomfortable to reflect on; which yet, in all probability, will have Influence upon the present times too, if it comes once to be thought that it is inevitable.

God give Your Majesty a safe and prosperous passage through so many appearances of Hazard; You can never want Undertakers of divers sorts, who, according to their several Politicks, will warrant You Success if You will trust 'em: But Your real happiness will very much depend upon Your self, and Your choosing to Honour with Your Service such Persons as are Honest, Stoud, and Wise.

If Informations of Times past may be useful, this Author will deserve a share of Credit with You, whose Reputation and Experience were so great in his Life time, that they will be Recorded in times to come for the real Services he did; besides the Honour, and great Fortune, unusual to a Subject, of having been Grand-father to two great Queens, Your Royal Sister and Your Self; both so well belov'd, and esteem'd by Your People; both so willing, and zealous to do Good. Her Power indeed was more limited and dependent; but Her early Death made room for Your Majesty's more unrestrain'd and Sovereign Authority, and resign'd to Your Self alone the more lasting dispensation of those Blessings that came from Heaven to You both.

If the benefit Your Majesty may reap by the perusal of this History, shall prove serviceable to after-times, it will be remember'd to the praise and honour of his Name; and Your Majesty Your self will not be displeased to allow his Memory a share of that Advantage; nor be offended with being put in mind, that Your English Heart, so happily own'd by Your self, and Ador'd by Your Subjects, had not been so Entirely English, without a communication with His Heart too, than which there never was one more devoted to the good of his Country, and the firm Establishment of the Crown.

It being design'd by this Dedication only to Introduce this Noble Author into Your Presence, it would be contrary

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trary to the Intention of it to take up more of Your Majesty's Time here; it is best therefore to leave this faithful Counsellor alone with You. For God's sake, Madam, and Your own, be pleased to read Him with Attention, and serious and frequent Reflections; and from thence, in Conjunction with Your own Heart, prescribe to Your Self the methods of true and lasting Greatness, and the solid Maxims of a Sovereign truly English: That during this Life, You may exceed in Felicities and Fame, and after this Life, in Reputation and Esteem, that Glorious Predecessor of Your Majesty's, the Renown'd First Semper Eadem, whose Motto You have chosen, and whose Pattern You seem to have taken for Your great Example, to Your own Immortal Glory, and the Defence, Security, and Prosperity, of the Kingdoms You Govern.

And God grant You may do so long.

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Iſa. XVIII. 2.

*Go, ye ſwift Meſſengers, to a Nation ſcattered and
peeled, to a People terrible from their beginning
hitherto: a Nation meted out and troden down,
whoſe Land the Rivers have ſpoiled.*

Iſa. XIX. 13, 14.

*The Princes of Zoan are become fools:
The Lord hath mingled a perverſe Spirit in the miſt
thereof.*



WHEN the King ſet up his Standard at ^{The King's} Nottingham, which was on the 25th of ^{condition at} August, as is before remembred, he found the place much emptier than he thought the Fame of his Standard would have ſuffer'd it to be; and receiv'd Intelligence the next day, that the Rebels Army, for ſuch now he had declared them, was Horſe, Foot, and Canon, at Northampton; beſides that Party which, in the end of the Fifth Book, we left at Coventry; whereas His few Canon and Ammunition were ſtill at York, being neither yet in an Equipage to march, though Sr John Heydon, his Maſteſty's faithful Lieutenant of the Ordnance, uſed all poſſible diligence to form and prepare it; neither were there Foot enough levy'd to guard it; and at Nottingham, beſides ſome few of the Train'd-bands, which Sr John Digby, the active Sheriff of that County, drew into the old ruinous Caſtle there, there were not of Foot levy'd for the Service yet three hundred Men. So that they who were not over much given

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to fear, finding very many places in that great River, which was look'd upon as the only strength and security of the Town, to be easily fordable, and nothing towards an Army for defence, but the Standard set up, begun sadly to apprehend the danger of the King's own Person. Infomuch that *Sr Jacob Asbley*, his Serjeant-Major-General of his intended Army, told him, "That he could not give any assurance against his Majesty's being taken out of his Bed, if the Rebels should make a brisk attempt to that purpose. And it was evident, all the Strength he had to depend upon was his Horse, which were under the Command of Prince *Rupert* at *Leicester*, and were not at that time in Number above eight hundred, few better arm'd than with Swords; whilst the Enemy had, within less than twenty Miles of that place, double the Number of Horse excellently arm'd and appointed, and a Body of five thousand Foot well train'd and disciplin'd; so that, no doubt, if they had advanced, they might at least have disperfed those few Troops of the King's, and driven his Majesty to a greater distance, and exposed him to notable hazards and inconveniencies.

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WHEN Men were almost confounded with this prospect, his Majesty receiv'd Intelligence, that *Portsmouth* was so streightly besieg'd by Sea and Land, that it would be reduced in very few days, except it were reliev'd. For the truth is, Colonel *Goring*, though he had sufficient warning, and sufficient supplies of Money to put that place into a posture, had rely'd too much upon probable and casual assistance, and neglected to do that Himself which a vigilant Officer would have done: and albeit his chief dependence was both for Money and Provisions from the Isle of *Wight*, yet he was careless to secure those small Castles and Block-houses, that guarded the passage; which revolting to the Parliament as soon as he declared for the King, cut off all those Dependences; so that he had neither Men enough to do ordinary Duty, nor Provisions enough for those few, for any considerable time. And at the same time with this news of *Portsmouth*, arriv'd certain Advertisements, that the Marquis of *Hertford*, and all his Forces in the West, from whom only the King hoped that *Portsmouth* should be reliev'd, was driven out of *Somerset-shire*, where his Power and Interest was believ'd unquestionable, into *Dorset-shire*; and there besieged in *Sherborne* Castle.

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THE Marquis, after he left the King at *Beverley*, by ordinary Journies, and without making any long stay by the way, came to *Bath*, upon the very edge of *Somerset-shire*, at the time when the General Assizes were there held; where, meeting all the considerable Gentlemen of that great County, and finding them well affected to the King's Service, except very few

few who were sufficiently known, he enter'd into consultation with them from whom he was to expect assistance, in what place he should most conveniently fix himself for the better disposing the Affections of the people, and to raise a strength for the resistance of any attempt which the Parliament might make, either against them, or to disturb the Peace of the Country by their Ordinance of the Militia, which was the first Power they were like to hear of. Some were of opinion, "That *Bristol* would be the fittest place, being a great, rich, "and populous City; of which being once possessed, they "should be easily able to give the Law to *Somerset* and *Glo-* " " " *cester-shire*; and could not receive any Affront by a sudden "or tumultuary Insurrection of the People. And if this Advice had been follow'd, it would, probably, have proved very prosperous. But on the contrary, it was objected, "That it "was not evident, that his Lordship's reception into the City "would be such as was expected; Mr *Hollis* being Lieutenant "thereof, and having exercised the Militia there; and there "being visibly many disaffected People in it, and some of Eminent Quality; and if he should attempt to go thither and be "disappointed, it would break the whole Design: Then that "it was out of the County of *Somerset*, and therefore that they "could not Legally draw that People thither; besides, that it "would look like fear and suspicion of their own Power, to "put themselves into a walled Town, as if they fear'd the "power of the other Party would be able to oppress them. "Whereas, except *Popham* and *Horner*, all the Gentlemen of "Eminent Quality and Fortune of *Somerset-shire*, were either "present with the Marquis, or presum'd not to be inclin'd to "the Parliament. And therefore they propos'd, "That *Wells*, "being a pleasant City, in the heart and near the center of "that County, might be chosen for his Lordship's residence. Which was accordingly agreed on, and thither the Marquis and his Train went, sending for the nearest Train'd-bands to appear before him; and presuming that in little time, by the industry of the Gentlemen present, and his Lordship's Reputation, which was very great, the affections of the People would be so much wrought upon, and their understandings so well inform'd, that it would not be in the Power of the Parliament to pervert them, or to make ill impressions on them towards his Majesty's Service.

WHILST his Lordship in this gentle way endeavour'd to compose the fears and apprehensions of the People, and by doing all things in a peaceable way, and according to the Rules of the known Laws, to convince all Men of the Justice and Integrity of his Majesty's proceedings and Royal intentions; the other Party, according to their usual confidence and activity,

activity, wrought under-hand to perswade the People that the Marquis was come down to put the Commission of Array in Execution, by which Commission a great part of the Estate of every Farmer or substantial Yeoman should be taken from them; alledging that some Lords had said, "That twenty pounds by the year was enough for every Peasant to live on; and so, taking advantage of the Commission's being in Latin, translated it into what *English* they pleased; perswading the substantial Yeomen and Freeholders, that at least, two parts of their Estates would, by that Commission, be taken from them; and the meaner and poorer sort of People, that they were to pay a Tax for one days labour in the week to the King; and that all should be, upon the matter, no better than Slaves to the Lords, and that there was no way to free and preserve themselves from this insupportable Tyranny, but by adhering to the Parliament, and submitting to the Ordinance for the Militia; which was purposely prepar'd to enable them to resist these horrid Invasions of their Liberties.

It cannot easily be believ'd, how these gross Insufions generally prevail'd. For though the Gentlemen of Ancient Families and Estates in that County were, for the most part, well affected to the King, and easily discern'd by what Faction the Parliament was govern'd; yet there were a People of an inferior degree, who, by good Husbandry, Clothing, and other thriving Arts, had gotten very great Fortunes; and, by degrees, getting themselves into the Gentlemen's Estates, were angry that they found not themselves in the same Esteem and Reputation with those whose Estates they had; and therefore, with more industry than the other, studied all ways to make themselves considerable. These, from the beginning, were fast Friends to the Parliament; and many of them were now entrusted by them as Deputy Lieutenants in their new Ordinance of the Militia, and having found when the People were ripe, gather'd them together, with a purpose on a suddain, before there should be any suspicion, to surround and surprize the Marquis at *Wells*. For they had always this advantage of the King's Party and his Counsels, that their Resolutions were no sooner publish'd, than they were ready to be executed, there being an absolute implicate Obedience in the inferior sort to those who were to Command them; and their private Agents, with admirable industry and secrecy, preparing all Persons and Things ready against a Call: Whereas all the King's Counsels were, with great formality deliberated, before concluded: and then with equal formality, and precise caution of the Law, executed; there being no other way to weigh down the prejudice, that was contracted against the Court, but by the most barefaced publishing all conclusions, and fitting them

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them to that apparent justice and reason, that might prevail over the most ordinary understandings.

WHEN the Marquis was thus in the midst of an Enemy that almost cover'd the whole Kingdom, his whole strength was a Troop of Horse, rais'd by Mr *John Digby*, Son to the Earl of *Bristol*, and another by *Sr Francis Hawley* (both which were levied in those parts to attend the King in the North) and a Troop of Horse and a small Troop of Dragoons, rais'd and armed by *Sr Ralph Hopton* at his own charge; and about one hundred Foot gather'd up by Lieutenant Colonel *Henry Lunsford* towards a Regiment, which were likewise to have march'd to the King. These, with the Lord *Pewlet*, and the Gentlemen of the Country, which were about eight and twenty of the prime Quality there, with their Servants and Retinue made up the Marquis's force. Then their proceedings were with that exceeding caution, that upon advertisement that the active Ministers of the contrary party had appointed a general meeting at a Town within few Miles of *Wells*, *Sr Ralph Hopton* being advis'd with his small Troop and some Voluntier Gentlemen to repair thither, and to disappoint that Convention, and to take care that it might produce the least prejudice to the King's Service; before he reach'd the place, those Gentlemen who stay'd behind (and by whose advice the Marquis thought it necessary absolutely to govern himself, that they might see all possible wariness was us'd in the entrance into a War, which being once enter'd into, he well knew must be carried on another way) sent him word, "That he should forbear any hostile Act, otherwise they would disclaim whatsoever he should do. Whereas the Courage and Resolution of those few were such, and the Cowardize of the undisciplin'd. seditious Rabble and their Leaders was so eminent, that it was very probable, if those few Troops had been as actively employ'd as their Commanders desir'd, they might have been able to have driven the Biggots out of the Country, before they had fully possess'd the rest with their own rancour: which may be reasonably presum'd by what follow'd shortly after, when Mr *Digby*, *Sr John Stowell* and his Sons, with some Voluntier Gentlemen, being in the whole not above fourscore Horse, and fourteen Dragoons, charged a greater Body of Horse, and above six hundred Foot of the Rebels, led by a Member of the House of Commons; and without the loss of one Man, killed seven in the place, hurt very many, took their Chief Officers, and as many more Prisoners as they would; and so routed the whole Body, that six Men kept not together, they having all thrown down their Arms.

BUT this good Fortune abated only the Courage of those who

who had run away, the others making use of this overthrow as an argument of the Marquis's bloody Purposes; and therefore, in a few days, *Sir John Manners* and *Alexander Pepham*, being the principal Men of Quality of that Party in that County, with the assistance of their Friends of *Dorset*, and *Devon*, and the City of *Bristol*, drew together a Body of above twelve thousand Men, Horse and Foot, with some pieces of Canon, with which they appear'd on the top of the Hill over *Wells*; where the Marquis, in contempt of them, stay'd two days, having only barricadoed the Town; but then, finding that the few Train'd-bands, which attended him there, were run away, either to their own Houses, or to their fellows, on the top of the Hill; and hearing that more Forces, or, at least, better Officers were coming from the Parliament against him, he retir'd in the next day, and in the face of that rebellious Field from *Wells* to *Somerton*, and so to *Sherborne*, without any loss or trouble. Thither, within two days, came to his Lordship *Sir John Berkley*, Colonel *Asburnham*, and some other good Officers, enough to have form'd a considerable Army, if there had been no other want. But they had not been long there (and it was not easy to resolve whither else to go, they having no reason to believe they should be any where more welcome than in *Somersetshire*, from whence they had been now driven) when the Earl of *Bedford*, General of the Horse to the Parliament, with *Mr. Holles*, *Sir Walter Bury*, and other *Episcopi*, and a compleat Body of seven thousand Foot at least, order'd by *Charles Essex*, their Serjeant-Major-General, a Soldier of good experience and reputation in the low Countries, and eight full Troops of Horse, under the Command of Captain *Pretty*, with four pieces of Canon, in a very splendid equipage came to *Wells*, and from thence to *Sherborne*. The Marquis, by this time having encreased his Foot to four hundred, with which that great Army was kept from entering that Town, and perswaded to encamp in the Field about three quarters of a Mile North from the Castle; where, for the present, we must leave the Marquis and his great-spirited little Army: and it could never be understood, why that Army did not then march directly to *Nottingham*; which if it had done, his Majesty's few Forces must immediately have been scatter'd, and himself fled, or put himself into their hands, which there were enough ready to have advis'd him to do; and if he had escap'd, he might have been pursued by one Regiment of Horse till he had quitted the Kingdom. But it pleas'd God, that they made not the least advance towards *Nottingham*. They about the King began now to wish that he had stay'd at *York*, and propos'd his return thither; but that was not hearken'd to; and they who advis'd his stay there, and against this advance

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to *Nottingham*, were more against his return thither, as an absolute flight; but urged the advance of the Levies, and a little patience, till it might be discern'd what the Enemy did intend to do. In this great anxiety, some of the Lords desired, "That his Majesty would send a Message to the Parliament, ^{The King consults at Nottingham of} "with some overture to incline them to a Treaty; which proposition was no sooner made, but most concurr'd in it; and no one had the confidence to oppose it. The King him- ^{sending a Message for Peace.} self was so offended at it, that he declared, "He would never yield to it, and broke up the Council, that it might be no longer urged. But the next day, when they met again, they renew'd the same advice with more earnestness. The Earl of *Southampton*, a Person of great Prudence, and of a reputation at least equal to any Man's, press'd it, "As a thing that might do good, and could do no harm: and the King's reasons, with reference to the insolence it would raise in the Rebels, and the dishonour that would thereby reflect upon Himself, were answer'd, by saying "Their insolence would be for the King's advantage; and when they should reject the offer of Peace, which they believ'd they would do, they would make themselves the more odious to the People, who would be thereby the more inclin'd to serve the King. So that they took it as granted, that the proposition would be rejected; and therefore it ought to be made. It was farther said, "That his Majesty was not able to make resistance; that the Forces ^{before Sherburne, Portsmouth, and at Northampton,} were "three several Armies, the least of which would drive his Majesty out of his Dominions; that it was only in his power "to choose, whether, by making a fair offer himself, he would seem to make Peace, which could not but render him very "gracious to the People, or suffer himself to be taken Prisoner (which he would not long be able to avoid) which "would give his Enemies Power, Reputation, and Authority "to proceed against his Majesty, and, it might be, his Possessory, according to their own engaged Malice.

Yet this motive made no impression in him. "For, he said, no misfortune, or ill success that might attend his endeavour of defending himself, could expose him to more inconveniencies than a Treaty at this time desired by him, where he must be understood to be willing to yield to whatever they would require of him; and how modest they were like to be, might be judged by their Nineteen Propositions, which were tender'd, when their power could not be reasonably understood to be like so much to exceed his Majesty's, as at this time it was evident it did; and that having now nothing to lose but his honour, he could be only excusable to the world, by using his industry to the last to op-

“pose the Torrent, which if it prevail’d, would overwhelm him. This compos’d Courage and Magnanimity of his Majesty seem’d too Philosophical, and abstracted from the Policy of self Preservation, to which most others were passionately addicted: and that which was the King’s greatest disadvantage, how many soever were of his mind (as some few, and but few there were;) no Man durst publicly avow that he was so; a Treaty for Peace being so popular a thing, that whosoever opposed it would be sure to be, by general consent, a declar’d Enemy to his Country.

THAT which prevail’d with his Majesty very reasonably then to yield (and indeed it proved equally advantageous to him afterwards) was, “That it was most probable (and his whole fortune was to be submitted at best to probabilities) that, out of their pride, and contempt of the King’s weakness and want of power, the Parliament would refuse to treat; which would be so unpopular a thing, that, as his Majesty would highly oblige his People by making the offer, so They would lose the hearts of them by rejecting it; which alone would raise an Army for his Majesty. That if they should embrace it, the King could not but be a gainer; for by the Propositions which they should make to him, he would be able to state the Quarrel so clearly, that it should be more demonstrable to the Kingdom, than yet it was, that the War was, on his Majesty’s part, purely defensive; since he never had, and now would not deny any thing, which they could in reason, or justice ask: That this very overture would necessarily produce some pause, and delay in their preparations, or motions of their Armies; for some Debate it must needs have; and during that time, men’s minds would be in suspense; whereas his Majesty should be so far from slackning his Preparations, that he might be more vigorous in them, by hastning those Levies, for which his Commissions were out. For these reasons, and almost the concurrent desire, and importunity of his Council, the King was prevailed with to send the Earls of *Southampton*, and *Dorset*, *Sr John Colepepper*, Chancellor of his Exchequer, and *Sr William Udall* (whom his Majesty gave leave under that pretence to intend the business of his own fortune) to the two Houses with this Message, which was sent the third day after his Standard was set up.

*The King
sends to the
two Houses a
Message for
Peace by the
Earl of
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“WE have, with unspeakable grief of heart, long beheld the distractions of this our Kingdom. Our very Soul is full of Anguish, until We may find some remedy to prevent the Miseries, which are ready to overwhelm this whole Nation by a Civil War. And though all our Endeavours, tending

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"to the composing of those unhappy differences betwixt Us
 "and our two Houses of Parliament (though pursued by Us
 "with all zeal and sincerity) have been hitherto without that
 "success We hoped for; yet such is our constant and earnest
 "care to preserve the publick Peace, that We shall not be
 "discouraged from using any expedient, which, by the blessing
 "of the God of Mercy, may lay a firm foundation of Peace
 "and Happiness to all our good Subjects. To this end, ob-
 "serving that many mistakes have arisen by the Messages, Pe-
 "titions, and Answers, betwixt Us and our two Houses of
 "Parliament, which happily may be prevented by some other
 "way of Treaty, wherein the matters in difference may be
 "more clearly understood, and more freely transacted; We
 "have thought fit to propound to you, that some fit Persons
 "may be by You enabled to treat with the like number to be
 "Authorized by Us, in such a manner, and with such free-
 "dom of Debate, as may best tend to that happy conclusion
 "which all good Men desire, the Peace of the Kingdom.
 "Wherein, as We promise, in the word of a King, all safety
 "and encouragement to such as shall be sent unto Us, if You
 "shall choose the place where We are, for the Treaty, which
 "We wholly leave to You, presuming the like care of the
 "safety of those We shall Employ, if You shall name another
 "place; so We assure you, and all our good Subjects, that,
 "to the best of our understanding, nothing shall be therein
 "wanting on our part, which may advance the true Protestant
 "Religion, oppose Popery and Superstition, secure the Law
 "of the Land (upon which is built as well our just Preroga-
 "tive, as the Propriety and Liberty of the Subject) confirm
 "all just Power and Privileges of Parliament, and render Us
 "and our People truly happy by a good understanding betwixt
 "Us and our two Houses of Parliament. Bring with you as
 "firm Resolutions to do your Duty; and let all our good
 "People joyn with us in our Prayers to Almighty God, for
 "his Blessing upon this work. If this Proposition shall be re-
 "jected by you, We have done our duty so amply, that God
 "will absolve Us from the Guilt of any of that Blood which
 "must be spilt; and what opinion soever other Men may have
 "of our Power, We assure you nothing but our Christian and
 "Pious care to prevent the effusion of blood, hath begot this
 "motion; Our Provision of Men, Arms, and Money, being
 "such as may secure Us from farther Violence, till it pleases
 "God to open the Eyes of Our People.

THIS Message had the same reception his Majesty believ'd
 it would have; and was indeed receiv'd with unheard of In-
 solence and Contempt. For the Earl of *Southampton*, and Stth

John Colepepper, desiring to appear themselves before any notice should arrive of their coming, made such haste, that they were at *Westminster* in the Morning shortly after the Houses met. The Earl of *Southampton* went into the House of Peers, where he was scarce sat down in his place, when, with great passion, he was called upon to withdraw; albeit he told them he had a Message to them from the King, and there could be no exception to his Lordship's sitting in the House upon their own grounds; he having had leave from the House to attend his Majesty. However he was compell'd to withdraw; and then they sent the Gentlemen Usher of the House to him, to require his Message; which his Lordship said, he was by the King's Command to deliver himself, and refused therefore to send it, except the Lords made an Order that he should not deliver it himself; which they did; and thereupon he sent it to them; which they no sooner receiv'd, than they sent him word, "That he should, at his Peril, immediately depart the Town, and that they would take care that their Answer to the Message should be sent to him. And so the Earl of *Southampton* departed the Town, reposing himself at the House of a Noble Person seven or eight miles off. Whilst the Earl had this skirmish with the Lords, *St John Colepepper* attended the Commons, forbearing to go into the House without leave, because there had been an Order (which is mention'd before) that all the Members, who were not present at such a day, should not presume to sit there, till they had paid a hundred Pounds, and given the House satisfaction in the cause of their absence. But he sent word to the Speaker, "That he had a Message from the King to them, and that he desired to deliver it in his place in the House. After some debate (for there remain'd yet some, who thought it as unreasonable as irregular to deny a Member of the House, against whom there had not been the least publick objection, and a Privy Counsellor who had been in all times used there with great respect, leave to deliver a Message from the King in his own place as a Member) it was absolutely resolv'd, "That he should not sit in the House, but that he should deliver his Message at the Bar, and immediately withdraw; which he did accordingly.

THEN the two Houses met at a Conference, and read the King's Message with great superciliousness; and within two days, with less difficulty and opposition than can be believ'd, agreed upon their Answer. The King's Messengers, in the mean time, though of that Quality, did not receive ordinary civilities from any Members of either House; they who were very willing to have done it, not daring for their own safety to come near them; and the others, looking upon them, as

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Servants to a Master whom they had, and meant farther to oppress. Private Conferences they had with some of the principal Governours; from whom they receiv'd no other advice; but that, if the King had any care of Himself or his Posterity, he should immediately come to *London*, throw himself into the Arms of his Parliament, and comply with whatsoever they proposed. The Answer which they return'd to the King was this.

The Answer of the Lords and Commons to his Majesty's Message of the 25th of August 1642.

"May it please your Majesty:

"THE Lords and Commons, in Parliament assembled, *These* ~~their~~ *four*
"having receiv'd your Majesty's Message of the 25th of ~~the~~ *four*
"last, do with much grief resent the dangerous and distracted
"State of this Kingdom; which we have by all means en-
"deavour'd to prevent, both by our several Advices and Pe-
"titions to your Majesty; which hath been not only with-
"out success, but there hath follow'd that which no ill Coun-
"sel in former Times hath produced, or any Age hath seen,
"namely those several Proclamations and Declarations against
"both the Houses of Parliament, whereby their Actions are
"declar'd Treasonable, and their Persons Traytors. And
"thereupon your Majesty hath set up your Standard against
"them, whereby you have put the two Houses of Parliament,
"and, in Them, this whole Kingdom, out of your Protection;
"so that until your Majesty shall recall those Proclamations
"and Declarations, whereby the Earl of *Essex*, and both
"Houses of Parliament, and their Adherents, and Assistants,
"and such as have obey'd and executed their Commands and
"Directions, according to their Duties, are declar'd Tray-
"tors or otherwise Delinquents: and until the Standard, set
"up in pursuance of the said Proclamation, be taken down;
"your Majesty hath put us into such a Condition, that whilst
"we so remain, we cannot, by the fundamental Privileges of
"Parliament, the Publick Trust reposed in us, or with the ge-
"neral good and safety of this Kingdom, give your Majesty
"any other Answer to this Message.

WHEN the King's Messengers return'd with this Answer to *Nottingham*, all Men saw to what they must trust; and the King believ'd, he should be no farther moved to make Addresses to them. And yet all hopes of an Army, or any ability to resist that violence, seem'd so desperate, that he was privately advis'd by some, whom he trusted as much as any, and those whose affections were as entire to him as any Mens, to give all

other thoughts over, and instantly to make all imaginable haste to *London*, and to appear in the Parliament House before they had any expectation of him. And they conceiv'd there would be more likelyhood for him to prevail that way, than by any Army he was like to raise. And it must be solely imputed to his Majesty's own Resolution, that he took not that course. However he was contented to make so much farther use of their Pride and Passion, as to give them occasion, by another Message, to publish more of it to the People; and therefore, within three days after the return of his Messengers, he sent the Lord *Falkland*, his Principal Secretary of State, with a Reply to their Answer in these words.

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"We will not repeat, what means we have used to prevent the dangerous and distracted Estate of the Kingdom, nor how those means have been interpreted; because, being desirous to avoid the effusion of Blood, We are willing to decline all memory of former bitterness, that might render our offer of a Treaty less readily accepted. We never did declare, nor ever intended to declare, both our Houses of Parliament Traytors, or set up our Standard against them; and much less to put them and this Kingdom out of our Protection. We utterly profess against it before God, and the World; and farther to remove all possible Scruples, which may hinder the Treaty so much desir'd by us, We hereby promise, to that a day be appointed by you for the revoking of your Declarations against all Persons as Traytors, or otherwise, for assisting us; We shall with all cheerfulness, upon the same day, recall Our Proclamations and Declarations, and take down Our Standard. In which Treaty, We shall be ready to grant any thing, that shall be really for the good of our Subjects: Conjuring you to consider the bleeding Condition of *Ireland*, and the dangerous Condition of *England*, in as high a degree, as by these Our offers We have declar'd our Self to do. And assuring you, that our chief desire in this World, is to beget a good understanding, and mutual Confidence betwixt Us and Our two Houses of Parliament.

THIS Message had no better effect, or reception than the former; their Principal Officers being sent down since the last Message to *Northampton* to put the Army into a readiness to march. And now they requir'd the Earl of *Essex* himself to make haste thither, that no more time might be lost, sending by the Lord *Falkland*, within two days, this Answer to the King.

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To the King's most Excellent Majesty;

*The humble Answer and Petition of the Lords and Commons
assembled in Parliament, unto the King's last Message.*

"May it please your Majesty :

"If We, the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, *Their An-*
"should repeat all the ways We have taken, the endeavours *sworn.*
"We have used, and the expressions We have made unto
"your Majesty, to prevent those distractions, and dangers;
"your Majesty speaks of, We should too much enlarge this
"reply. Therefore, as We humbly, so shall We Only let
"your Majesty know, that We cannot recede from our former
"Answer, for the reasons therein express'd. For that
"your Majesty hath not taken down your Standard, recall'd
"your Proclamations and Declarations, whereby you have declar'd
"the Actions of both Houses of Parliament to be Treasonable,
"and their Persons Traytors; and you have published the same
"since your Message of the 25th of *August*, by your late Instructions
"sent to your Commissioners of Array; which Standard being taken
"down, and the Declarations, Proclamations, and Instructions recall'd,
"if your Majesty shall then, upon this our humble Petition, leaving
"your Forces, return unto your Parliament, and receive their faithful
"Advice, your Majesty will find such expressions of our Fidelities,
"and Duties, as shall assure you, that your Safety, Honour, and
"Greatness, can only be found in the Affections of your People,
"and the sincere Counsels of your Parliament; whose constant and
"undiscouraged Endeavours and Consultations have passed through
"difficulties unheard of, only to secure your Kingdoms from the
"violent mischiefs and dangers now ready to fall upon them,
"and every part of them; who deserve better of your Majesty,
"and can never allow themselves (representing likewise your
"whole Kingdom) to be ballanced with those Persons, whose
"desperate Dispositions and Counsels prevail still to interrupt all
"our Endeavours for the relieving of bleeding *Ireland*; as we may
"fear our Labours and vast Expences will be fruitless to that distressed
"Kingdom. As your Presence is thus humbly desired by Us, so it is
"in our hopes your Majesty will in your reason believe, there is no
"other way than this, to make your Majesty's self happy, and your
"Kingdom safe.

AND lest this Overture of a Treaty might be a means to
allay and compose the distempers of the People, and that the
hope and expectation of Peace might not dishearten their

Party, in their preparations and contributions to the War, the same day they sent their last Answer to the King, they publish'd this Declaration to the Kingdom.

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“WHEREAS his Majesty, in a Message receiv'd the fifth of September, requires that the Parliament would revoke their Declarations against such Persons, as have assisted his Majesty in this unnatural War against his Kingdom; it is this day order'd and declar'd by the Lords and Commons, that the Arms, which they have been forced to take up, and shall be forced to take up, for the preservation of the Parliament, Religion, the Laws and Liberties of the Kingdom, shall not be laid down, until his Majesty shall withdraw his Protection from such Persons as have been Voted by both Houses to be Delinquents, or that shall by both Houses be Voted to be Delinquents, and shall leave them to the Justice of the Parliament to be proceeded with according to their demerit; to the end that both this and succeeding Generations may take warning, with what danger they incur the like heinous Crimes: and also to the end that those great Charges and Damages, wherewith all the Commonwealth hath been burden'd in the premises, since his Majesty's departure from the Parliament, may be born by the Delinquents, and other Malignant and Disaffected Persons: and that all his Majesty's good and well affected Subjects, who by Loan of Monies, or otherwise at their Charge, have assisted the Commonwealth, or shall in like manner hereafter assist the Commonwealth in time of extreme danger, may be repay'd all Sums of Money lent by them for those purposes, and be satisfied their Charges so sustain'd, out of the Estates of the said Delinquents, and of the Malignant and disaffected Party in this Kingdom.

THIS Declaration did the King no harm; for besides that it was evident to all Men, that the King had done whatsoever was in his power, or could be expected from him, for the prevention of a Civil War, all Persons of Honour and Quality plainly discern'd that they had no safety but in the preservation of the Regal Power, since their Estates were already disposed of by them who could declare whom they would Delinquents, and would infallibly declare all such who had not concurr'd with them. And the Advantage the King receiv'd by those Overtures, and the pride, forwardness, and perverseness of the Rebels, is not imaginable; his Levies of Men, and all other preparations for the War, being incredibly advanced from the time of his first Message. Prince Rupert lay still with the Horse at *Leicester*; and though He, and some of

of the Principal Officers with him, were discontented to that degree, upon the King's first Message and desire of a Treaty, as likely not only to destroy all hopes of raising an Army, but to Sacrifice those who were raised, that they were not without some thoughts, at least discourses, of offering violence to the Principal Advisers of it, he now found his Numbers increased, and better resolv'd by it; and from *York-shire, Lincoln-shire, and Stafford-shire*, came very good recruits of Foot; so that his Cannon and Munition being likewise come up from *York*, within twenty days his Numbers began to look towards an Army; and there was another Air in all Mens Faces; yet *Nottingham* seem'd not a good Post for his Majesty to stay longer at; and therefore, about the middle of *September*, the Earl of *Essex* being then with his whole Army at *Northampton*, his Majesty march'd from *Nottingham* to *Derby*; being not then resolv'd whither to bend his course, to *Shrewsbury* or *Chester*, not well knowing the temper of those Towns, in both which the Parliament Party had been very active; but resolving to sit down near the borders of *Wales*, where the Power of the Parliament had been least prevalent, and where some Regiments of Foot were Levying for his Service. Before his leaving *Nottingham*, as a farewell to his hopes of a Treaty, and to make the deeper sense and impression, in the Hearts of the People, of those who had so pertinaciously rejected it, his Majesty sent this Message to the House.

"WHO have taken most ways, used most endeavours, and
 "made most real expressions to prevent the present distra-
 "ctions and dangers; let all the World judge, as well by for-
 "mer passages, as by Our two last Messages, which have
 "been so fruitless, that, though We have descended to desire
 "and press it, not so much as a Treaty can be obtain'd; un-
 "less We would denude Our self of all force to defend Us
 "from a visible strength marching against us; and admit those
 "Persons as Traytors to us, who, according to their Duty,
 "their Oaths of Allegiance, and the Law, have appear'd in
 "defence of Us, their King and Liege Lord (whom We are
 "bound in Conscience and Honour to preserve) though We
 "disclaim'd all Our Proclamations, and Declarations, and the
 "erecting of our Standard, as against our Parliament. All We
 "have now left in our Power, is to express the deep sense
 "We have of the Publick Misery of this Kingdom, in which
 "is involv'd that of Our distressed Protestants of *Ireland*;
 "and to apply our self to our necessary defence, wherein We
 "wholly rely upon the Providence of God, the Justice of
 "our Cause, and the Affection of our good People; so far
 "We are from putting them out of our Protection. When

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“you shall desire a Treaty of us, We shall piously remember, whose Blood is to be spilt in this Quarrel, and cheerfully embrace it. And as no other reason induced us to leave our City of *London*, but that, with Honour and Safety We could not stay there; nor to raise any Force, but for the necessary defence of our Person and the Law, against Levies in opposition to both; so We shall suddenly and most willingly return to the One, and disband the Other, as soon as those Causes shall be remov’d. The God of Heaven direct you, and in mercy divert those Judgements, which hang over this Nation; and so deal with us, and our Posterity, as We desire the preservation, and advancement of the true Protestant Religion; the Law, and the Liberty of the Subject; the just Rights of Parliament, and the Peace of the Kingdom.

The King
removes to
Derby.

WHEN the King came to *Derby*, he receiv’d clear information from the well affected Party in *Shrewsbury*, that the Town was at His devotion; and that the very Rumour of his Majesty’s purpose of coming thither, had driven away all those who were most inclined to Sedition. And therefore, as well in regard of the strong and pleasant Situation of it (one side being defended by the *Severn*, the other having a secure passage into *Wales*, the Confines of *Montgomery-shire* extending very near the Town) as for the Correspondence with *Worcester*, of which City he hoped well, and that by his being at *Shrewsbury*, he should be as well able to secure *Chester*, as by carrying his whole Train so far North; besides that the other might give some apprehension of his going into *Ireland*, which had been formerly mention’d, his Majesty resolv’d for that Town, and, after one days stay at *Derby*, by easy marches he went thither, drawing his whole small Forces to a Rendezvous at *Wellington*, a days march short of *Shrewsbury*; and that being the first time that they were together, his Majesty then caus’d his Military Orders for the Discipline and Government of the Army, to be read at the Head of each Regiment; and then, which is not fit ever to be forgotten, putting himself in the middle, where he might be best heard, not much unlike the Emperor *Trajan*, who when he made *Sura* Great Marshal of the Empire, gave him a Sword, saying, “Receive this Sword of me, and if I command as I ought, employ it in my defence; if I do otherwise, draw it against me, and take my Life from me, his Majesty made this Speech to his Soldiers.

The King’s
Speech and
Protestation
at the Head
of his Forces,
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reading his
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War.

“GENTLEMEN, you have heard those Orders read: it is your part, in your several places, to observe them exactly; the time cannot be long before We come to Action, therefore

“therefore you have the more reason to be careful; and I
“must tell you, I shall be very severe in the punishing of
“those, of what Condition soever, who transgress these In-
“structions. I cannot suspect your Courage and Resolution;
“your Conscience and your Loyalty hath brought you hither,
“to Fight for your Religion, your King, and the Laws of
“the Land. You shall meet with no Enemies but Traytors,
“most of them *Brownists*, *Anabaptists*, and *Atheists*; such who
“desire to destroy both Church and State, and who have al-
“ready condemn’d You to ruin for being Loyal to Us. That
“you may see what use I mean to make of your Valour if
“it please God to bless it with success, I have thought fit
“to publish my Resolution to you in a Protestation; which
“when you have heard me make, you will believe you can-
“not Fight in a better Quarrel; in which I promise to live and
“die with you.

THE Protestation his Majesty was then pleas’d to make,
was in these words.

“I do promise in the presence of Almighty God, and as I
“hope for his Blessing and Protection, that I will, to the ut-
“most of my power, defend and maintain the true Reform’d
“Protestant Religion, establish’d in the Church of *England*;
“and, by the grace of God, in the same will live and die.

“I desire to govern by all the known Laws of the Land,
“and that the Liberty and Property of the Subject, may be
“by them preserv’d with the same care, as my own just Rights.
“And if it please God, by his Blessing upon this Army, rais’d
“for my necessary defence, to preserve me from this Rebel-
“lion, I do solemnly and faithfully promise, in the sight of
“God, to maintain the just Privileges and Freedom of Par-
“liament, and to govern by the known Laws of the Land to
“my utmost Power; and particularly, to observe inviolably
“the Laws consented to by me this Parliament. In the mean
“while, if this time of War, and the great necessity, and
“straits I am now driven to, beget any violation of those, I
“hope it shall be imputed by God and Men to the Authors of
“this War, and not to Me; who have so earnestly labour’d
“for the preservation of the Peace of this Kingdom.

“WHEN I willingly fail in these particulars, I will expect
“no aid or relief from any Man, or Protection from Heaven.
“But in this Resolution, I hope for the chearful assistance of
“all good Men, and am confident of God’s Blessing.

THIS Protestation, and the manner and solemnity of
making it, gave not more life and encouragement to the little
Army, than it did comfort and satisfaction to the Gentry and
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Inhabitants of those parts; into whom the Parliament had infused, that, if his Majesty prevailed by Force, he would, with the same Power, abolish all those good Laws, which had been made this Parliament; so that they look'd upon this Protestation, as a more ample security for their enjoying the benefit of those Acts, than the Royal Assent he had before given. And a more general, and passionate expression of affections cannot be imagin'd, than he receiv'd by the People of those Counties of *Derby*, *Stafford*, and *Shropshire*, as he pass'd; or a better reception, than he found at *Shrewsbury*; into which Town he enter'd on *Tuesday* the 20th of *September*.

IT will be, and was then, wonder'd at, that since the Parliament had a full and well form'd Army, before the King had one full Regiment, and the Earl of *Essex* was Himself come to *Northampton*, some days before his Majesty went from *Nottingham*, his Lordship neither disquieted the King whilst he stay'd there, nor gave him any disturbance in his March to *Shrewsbury*; which if he had done, he might either have taken him Prisoner, or so dispersed his small Power, that it would never have been possible for him to have gotten an Army together. But as the Earl had not yet receiv'd his Instructions, so they, upon whom he depended, avoided that expedition out of meer Pride, and Contempt of the King's Forces; and upon a presumption, that it would not be possible for him to raise such a Power, as would be able to look their Army in the face; but that, when he had in vain tried all other ways, and those, who not only follow'd him upon their own Charges, but supported those who were not able to bear their own (for his Army was maintain'd and paid by the Nobility and Gentry, who serv'd likewise in their own Persons) were grown weary and unable longer to bear that burden, his Majesty would be forced to put himself into Their Arms for Protection and Subsistence; and such a Victory without blood had crown'd all their designs. And if their Army, which they pretended to raise only for their defence, and for the safety of the King's Person, had been able to prevent the King's raising any, or if the King, in that Melancholick conjuncture at *Nottingham*, had return'd to *White-Hall*, he had justified all their Proceedings, and could never after have refused to yield to whatsoever they proposed.

AND it is most certain, that the Common Soldiers of their Army were generally perswaded, that they should never be brought to Fight; but that the King was in truth little better than Imprison'd by evil Counsellors, Malignants, Delinquents, and Cavaliers (the terms applied to his whole Party) and would gladly come to his Parliament if he could break from that Company; which he would undoubtedly do, if their Army

my came once to such a distance, that his Majesty might make an escape to them. In this kind of discourse they were so sottish, that they were perswaded, that those Persons of whose Piety, Honour, and Integrity, they had receiv'd heretofore the greatest Testimony, were Now turn'd Papists; and that the small Army, and Forces the King had, consisted of no other than Papists. Inasmuch as truly those of the King's Party, who promised themselves any support, but from the comfort of their own consciences, or relied upon any other means than from God Almighty, could hardly have made their expectations appear reasonable; for his Enemies were in a manner possessed of the whole Kingdom.

PORTSMOUTH, the strongest and best fortified Town then in the Kingdom, was surrender'd to them; Colonel Goring, about the beginning of September, though he had seem'd to be so long resoly'd, and prepared to expect a Siege, and had been supplied with Monies according to his own proposal, was brought so low, that he gave it up, only for liberty to transport Himself beyond Seas, and for his Officers to repair to the King. And it were to be wish'd that there might be no more occasion to mention him hereafter, after this repeated treachery; and that his incomparable dexterity and sagacity had not prevail'd so far over those, who had been so often deceived by him, as to make it absolutely necessary to speak at large of him, more than once, before this discourse comes to an end.

Colonel Goring
surrendering
Portsmouth.

THE Marquis of Hertford, though he had so much discredited the Earl of Bedford's Soldierly, and dishearten'd his great Army, that the Earl (after lying in the Field four or five Nights within less than Canon shot of the Castle, and Town, and after having refused to fight a duel with the Marquis, to which he provoked him by a Challenge) sent St John Norcas, under pretence of a Treaty, and the Godly care to avoid the effusion of Christian blood, in plain English to desire "That he might fairly and peaceably draw off his Forces, and march away; the which, how reasonable a request soever it was, the Marquis refused; sending them word, "That as they came thither upon their own Counsels, so they should get off as they could: and at last they did draw off, and march above a dozen miles for repose; leaving the Marquis, for some weeks, undisturb'd at Sherburne: yet when he heard of the loss of Portsmouth, the relief whereof was his principal business, and so that those Forces would probably be added to the Earl of Bedford, and by their success give much courage to his faithful Army, and that a good Regiment of Horse, which he expected (for St John Byram had sent him word from Oxford, that he would march towards him) was retired to the King;

The Marquis of
Hertford's
proceedings
in the West.

King; and that the Committees were now so busy in the several Counties, that the People, in all places, declared for the Parliament; and more particularly some strong and populous Towns in *Somerset-shire*; as *Taunton*, *Wellington*, and *Dunster*-*Castle*; by reason whereof it would not be possible for him to increase his strength, he resolv'd to leave *Sherborne*, where his stay could no way advance the King's Service; and to try all ways to get to his Majesty. But when he came to *Minhead*, a Port Town, from whence he made no doubt he should be able to transport Himself, and his company into *Wales*, he found the People both of the Town and County so disaffected, that all the boats, of which there used always to be great store, by reason of the trade for Cattle and Corn with *Wales*, were industriously sent away, save only two; so that the Earl of *Bedford* having taken new heart, and being within four miles with his Army, his Lordship, with his small Cannon and few Foot, with the Lord *Pawlet*, Lord *Seymour*, and some Gentlemen of *Somerset-shire*, transported himself into *Glamorgan-shire*; leaving *Sr Ralph Hopton*, *Sr John Berkley*, *Mr Digby*, and some other Officers with their Horse (consisting of about one hundred and twenty) to march into *Cornwal*, in hopes to find that County better prepared for their reception.

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ON the other hand, the Earl of *Bedford*, thinking those few fugitives not worth his farther care, and that they would be easily apprehended by the Committee of the Militia, which was very powerful in *Devon*, and *Cornwal*, contented himself with having driven away the Marquis, and so expelled all hope of raising an Army for the King in the West; and retired with his Forces to the Earl of *Essex*, as *Sr William Waller* had done from *Portsmouth*; so that it was not expected, that the Forces about his Majesty could be able to defend him against so puissant an Army, so it was not imaginable that he could receive any addition of strength from any other parts. For wherever they found any Person of Quality inclined to the King, or but disinclined to Them, they immediately seized upon his Person, and sent him in great Triumph to the Parliament; who committed him to Prison, with all circumstances of cruelty and inhumanity.

THUS they took Prisoner the Lord *Mountague* of *Boughton*, at his House in *Northampton-shire*, a Person of great reverence, being above fourscore years of age, and of unblemish'd Reputation, for declaring himself unsatisfied with their disobedient and undutiful proceedings against the King, and more expressly against their Ordinance for the Militia; and notwithstanding that he had a Brother of the House of Peers, the Lord *Privy Seal*, and a Nephew the Lord *Kimbolton*, who had as full a power in that Council as any Man, and a Son in the House

House of Commons very unlike his Father; his Lordship was committed to the Tower a close Prisoner; and though he was afterwards remitted to more Air, he continued a Prisoner to his death.

THUS they took Prisoner in *Oxfordshire* the Earl of *Berkshire*, and three or four principal Gentlemen of that County; and committed them to the Tower, for no other reason but wishing well to the King; for they never appear'd in the least Action in his Service. And thus they took Prisoner the Earl of *Bath* in *Devonshire*, who neither had, or ever meant to do the King the least service; but only out of the morosity of his own Nature, had before, in the House, express'd himself not of their minds; and carried him, with many other Gentlemen of *Devon* and *Somerset*, with a strong Guard of Horse, to *London*; where, after they had been expos'd to the rudeness and reproach of the Common People, who called them Traytors and Rebels to the Parliament, and pursued them with such usage as they use to the most infamous Malefactors, they were, without ever being examin'd, or charged with any particular crime, committed to several Prisons; so that not only all the Prisons about *London* were quickly fill'd with Persons of Honour, and great Reputation for sobriety and integrity to their Counties, but new Prisons were made for their reception; and, which was a new and barbarous invention, very many Persons of very good Quality, both of the Clergy and Laity, were committed to Prison on board the Ships in the River of *Thames*; where they were kept under Decks, and no friend suffer'd to come to them, by which many lost their lives. And that the loss of their Liberty might not be all their punishment, it was the usual course, and very few escap'd it, after any Man was committed as a notorious Malignant (which was the brand) that his Estate and Goods were seized, or plunder'd by an Order from the House of Commons, or some Committee, or the Soldiers, who in their march took the Goods of all Papists and eminent Malignants, as lawful prize; or by the Fury and Licence of the Common People, who were in all places grown to that barbarity and rage against the Nobility and Gentry (under the Style of Cavaliers) that it was not safe for any to live at their Houses, who were taken notice of as no Voraries to the Parliament.

So the Common People (no doubt by the advice of their Superiors) in *Essex* on a suddain beset the House of *St John Lucas*, one of the best Gentlemen of that County, and of the most eminent affection to the King, being a Gentleman of the Privy Chamber to the Prince of *Wales*; and upon pretence that he was going to the King, possess'd themselves of all his Horses and Arms, seized upon his Person, and used him with

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all possible indignities, not without some threats to murder him; and when the Mayor of *Colchester*, whither he was brought, with more humanity than the rest, offer'd to keep him Prisoner in his own House, till the pleasure of the Parliament should be farther known, they compell'd him, or he was willing to be compell'd, to send him to the Common Goal; where he remain'd, glad of that security, till the House of Commons remov'd him to another Prison (without ever charging him with any crime) having sent all his Horfes to the Earl of *Essex*, to be used in the service of that Army.

At the same time the same Rabble enter'd the House of the Countess of *Rivers* near *Colchester*; for no other ground, than that she was a Papist; and in few hours disfurrieth'd it of all the Goods, which had been many years with great curiosity providing, and were not of less value than forty thousand pounds sterling; the Countess her self hardly escaping, after great insolence had been used to her Person: And she could never receive any reparation from the Parliament. These and many other Instances of the same kind in *London* and the parts adjacent, gave sufficient evidence to all Men how little else They were to keep, who meant to preserve their Allegiance and Integrity in the full Vigour.

I MUST not forget, though it cannot be remember'd without much horror, that this strange Wild-fire among the people, was not so much and so furiously kindled by the breath of the Parliament, as of their Clergy, who both administer'd fuel, and blow'd the Coales in the Houses too. These Men having crept into, and at last driven all Learned and Orthodox Men from the Pulpits, had, as is before remember'd, from the beginning of this Parliament, under the Notion of Reformation and extirpating of Popery, infused seditious inclinations into the hearts of Men against the present Government of the Church, with many libellous invectives against the State too. But since the raising an Army, and rejecting the King's last overture of a Treaty, they contain'd themselves within no bounds; and as freely and without controul, inveighed against the Person of the King, as they had before against the worst Malignant; prophanely, and blasphemously applying whatsoever had been spoken and declared by God Himself, or the Prophets, against the most wicked and impious Kings, to innocence and stir up the People against their most Gracious Sovereign.

THERE are Monuments enough in the seditious Sermons at that time printed, and in the Memories of Men, of others not printed, of such wresting and perverting of Scripture, to the odious purposes of the Preacher, that pious Men will not look over without trembling. One takes his Text out of *Me-*
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ses's words in the 31^d Chap. of *Exodus* and the 29th Verse. *Consecrate your selves to day to the Lord, even every Man upon his Son, and upon his Brother, that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day*: And from thence incites his Auditory to the utmost prosecution of those, under what relation soever of Blood, Neighbourhood, Dependence, who concurred not in the Reformation proposed by the Parliament. Another makes as bold with *David's* words, in the 1 *Chron.* Chap. 22. Vers. 16. *Arise therefore and be doing*: And from thence assures them, it was not enough to wish well to the Parliament; if they brought not their purse, as well as their prayers, and their hands, as well as their hearts to the assistance of it, the duty in the Text was not performed. There were more than Mr *Marshall*, who from the 23^d Verse of the 25th Chap. of *Judges*, *Curse ye Meron, said the Angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the Inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty*, presumed to inveigh against, and in plain terms to pronounce God's own curse against all those, who came not, with their utmost power and strength, to destroy and root out all the Malignants, who in any degree opposed the Parliament.

THERE was one, who from the 48th Chap. of the Prophet *Jeremiah* and the 10th Verse. *Cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood*; reproved those who gave any quarter to the King's Soldiers. And another out of the 5th Verse of the 25th Chap. of *Proverbs*. *Take away the wicked from before the King, and his Throne shall be established in righteousness*; made it no less a case of Conscience by force to remove the evil Counsellors from the King (with bold intimation what might be done to the King Himself, if he would not suffer them to be removed) than to perform any Christian duty that is enjoyn'd. It would fill a Volume to insert all the impious madness of this kind, so that the complaint of the Prophet *Ezekiel*, might most truly, and seasonably have been applied, *There is a conspiracy of her Prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring Lion* Ezek. xxii. ver. 25. *ravelling the Prey, they have devoured Souls, they have taken the Treasure, and precious things, they have made her many Widows in the midst thereof.*

IT was the complaint of *Erasmus* of the Clergy in his time, that when Princes were inclinable to Wars, *alius è sacro suggesto promittit omnium admissorum condonationem, alius promittit certam victoriam*, *Prophetarum voces ad rem impiam detorqueus. Tam bellaces conciones audivimus*; says he. And indeed no good Christian can, without horror think of those Ministers of the Church, who by their Function being Messengers of Peace, were the only Trumpets of War, and Incendaries towards Rebellion. How much more Christian was that *Atben-*

nian Nun in *Plutarch*, and how shall She rise up in judgment against those Men, who, when *Alcibiades* was condemn'd by the publick Justice of the State, and a Decree made that all the Religious Priests and Women should ban and curse him, stoutly refused to perform that office; answering, "That she "was professed Religious, to *pray* and to *bless*, not to *curse* "and to *ban*. And if the Person, and the Place can improve and aggravate the offence (as without doubt it doth, both before God and Man) methinks the Preaching Treason and Rebellion out of the Pulpits should be worse than the advancing it in the Market, as much as poysoning a Man at the Communion would be worse than murdering him at a Tavern. And it may be, in that Catalogue of Sins, which the Zeal of some Men hath thought to be the Sin against the Holy Ghost, there may not any one be more reasonably thought to be such, than a Minister of Christ's turning Rebel against his Prince (which is a most notorious Apostacy against his Order) and his Preaching Rebellion, to the People, as the Doctrine of Christ; which adding blasphemy and pertinacy to his Apostacy, hath all the marks by which good men are taught to avoid that Sin against the Holy Ghost.

The Earl of
Essex moves
with his Army
from North-
ampton.

WITHIN three or four days after the King's remove from *Nottingham*, the Earl of *Essex*, with his whole Army, removed from *Northampton*, and march'd towards *Worcester*; of which his Majesty had no sooner Intelligence, than he sent Prince *Rupert*, with the greatest part of the Horse, on the other side of the *Severn*, towards that City; as well to observe the motion of the Enemy, as to give all assistance to that place, which had declared good affections to him; at least to countenance and secure the retreat of those Gentlemen, who were there raising Forces for the King; but especially to joyn with *S^r John Byron*, whom his Majesty had sent, in the end of *August*, to *Oxford* to convey some Money, which had been secretly brought from *London* thither to his Majesty. And he, after some small disasters in his March, by the insurrection of the Country People, who were encouraged by the Agents for the Parliament, and seconded by the Officers of the Militia, came safe with his charge to *Worcester*; where he had been very few hours, when a strong Party of Horse and Dragoons, being sent by the Earl of *Essex*, under the Command of *Nathaniel Fiennes*, Son to the Lord *Say*, came to surprize the Town; which was open enough to have been enter'd in many places, though in some it had an old decayed Wall; and, at the most usual and frequented entrances into the City, weak, and rotten Gates to be shut, but without either Lock or Bolt.

YET this Commander, coming early in the Morning, when the small Guard which had watched, conceiving all to be

be secure, were gone to rest, and being within Musquet shot of the Gate before he was discover'd, finding that weak Gate shut, or rather clos'd against him, and not that quick appearance of a Party within the Town, as he promised himself, without doing any harm, retired in great disorder, and with so much haste, that the wearied Horse, sent out presently to attend him, could not overtake any of his Train; so that when Prince *Rupert* came thither, they did not conceive any considerable Party of the Enemy to be near. However his Highness resolv'd to retire from thence, as soon as he should receive perfect Intelligence of the motion of the Enemy, when on the suddain reposing himself on the ground with Prince *Maurice* his Brother, the Lord *Digby*, and the principal Officers, in the field before the Town, some of his wearied Troops (for they had had a long March) being by, but the rest and most of the Officers in the Town, he espied a fair Body of Horse, consisting of near five hundred, marching in very good Order up a Lane within Musquet shot of him. In this confusion, they had scarce time to get upon their Horses, and none to consult of what was to be done, or to put themselves into their several places of Command. And, it may be, it was well they had not; for if all those Officers had been in the heads of their several Troops, it is not impossible it might have been worse. But the Prince instantly declaring, "That he would Charge; his Brother, the Lord *Digby*, Commissary General *Wilnot*, Sr *John Byron*, Sr *Lewis Drves*, and all those Officers and Gentlemen, whose Troops were not present or ready, put themselves next the Prince; the other wearied Troops coming in order after them.

IN this manner the Prince Charg'd them, as soon as they came out of the Lane; and being seconded by his handful of good Men, though the Rebels being gallantly led by Colonel *Sandys* (a Gentleman of *Kent*, and the Son of a worthy Father) and compleatly arm'd both for Offence, and Defence, stood well; yet in a short time, many of their best Men being kill'd, and Colonel *Sandys* Himself falling with his hurts, the whole Body was routed, fled, and was pursued by the Conquerors for the space of above a mile. The number of the slain were not many, not above forty or fifty, and those most Officers; for their Arms were so good, that in the charge they were not to be easily kill'd, and in the chase the goodness of their Horse made it impossible. Colonel *Sandys* who died shortly after of his wounds, Captain *Wingate* who was the more known, by being a Member of the House of Commons, and taken notice of for having in that charge behaved himself stoutly, and two or three *Scottish* Officers, were taken Prisoners. Of the King's Party none of Name was lost: Commissary General

*A Retrospect
of the Forces
near Worcester,
where
Prince Rupert
gets
the better.*

neral *Wilmet* hurt with a Sword in the side, and *Sr Lewis Drives* in the shoulder, and two or three other Officers of Inferior Note; none miscarrying of their wounds, which was the more strange for that, by reason they expected not an encounter, there was not, on the Prince's side, a piece of Armour worn that day, and but few Pistols; so that most of the hurt that was done was by the Sword. Six or seven Cornets of the Enemies were taken, and many good Horses, and some Arms; for they who run away made themselves as light as they could.

THIS Rencounter proved of great advantage, and benefit to the King. For it being the first Action his Horse had been brought to, and that party of the Enemy being the most pick'd and choice Men, it gave his Troops great courage, and render'd the name of Prince *Rupert* very terrible, and exceedingly appalled the adversary; infomuch as they had not, in a long time after, any confidence in their Horse, and their very Numbers were much lessen'd by it. For that whole party being routed, and the Chief Officers of Name and Reputation either kill'd, or taken, though the number lost upon the place was not considerable, there were very many more who never return'd to the service; and, which was worse, for their own excuse, in all places, talked aloud of the incredible, and irresistible courage of Prince *Rupert*, and the King's Horse. So that, from this time, the Parliament, begun to be apprehensive, that the business would not be as easily ended, as it was begun; and that the King would not be brought back to them with their bare Votes. Yet how faintly soever the private pulses beat (for no question many who had made greatest noise, wish'd they were again to choose their side) the two Houses were so far from any visible abatement of their mettle, that to weigh down any possible supposition that they might be inclined, or drawn to treat with the King, or that they had any apprehension that the people would be less firm, and constant to them, they proceeded to bolder Acts to evince both, than they had yet done.

FOR to the first, to shew how secure they were against resentment from his Allies, as well as against his Majesty's own power, they caused the Capuchin Fryars, who, by the Articles of Marriage, were to have a safe reception and entertainment in the Queen's Family, and had, by her Majesty's care, and at her charge, a small, but a convenient habitation, by her own Chappel, in her own House, in the *Strand*, and had continued there, without disturbance, from the time of the Marriage, after many insolencies and indignities offer'd to them by the rude Multitude, even within those Gates of her own House, to be taken from thence, and to be sent over into

into *France*, with Protestation "That if they were found again
" in *England*, they should be proceeded against as Traytors:
and this in the face of the *French* Embassador, who notwithstanding
withdrew not from them his Courtship, and Application.

THE N, that the King might know how little they dreaded
his Forces, they sent down their Instructions to the Earl of
Essex their General, who had long expected them; whereby
among other things of form for the better discipline of the
Army, "They requir'd him to march with such Forces as

"he thought fit, towards the Army raised, in his Majesty's
"Name against the Parliament, and the Kingdom; and with
"them, or any part of them, to Fight, at such time and place

*The two
Houses In-
structions to
their Gene-
ral.*

"as he should judge most to conduce to the Peace and Safety

"of the Kingdom: and that he should use his utmost endea-

"vour by battle, or otherwise, to rescue his Majesty's Per-

"son, and the Persons of the Prince, and Duke of *Tork*, out

"of the hands of those desperate Persons, who were then

"about them. They directed him to take an opportunity, in

"some safe and honourable way, to cause the Petition of

"both Houses of Parliament, then sent to him, to be pre-

"sented to his Majesty; and if his Majesty should thereupon

"please to withdraw himself from the Forces then about him,

"and to resort to the Parliament, his Lordship should cause

"his Majesty's Forces to disband, and should serve and defend

"his Majesty with a sufficient strength in his return. They

"requir'd his Lordship to publish and declare, that if any

"who had been so seduced, by the false aspersions cast upon

"the proceedings of the Parliament, as to assist the King in

"acting of those dangerous Counsels, should willingly, with-

"in ten days after such publication in the Army, return to

"their Duty, not doing any Hostile Act within the time li-

"mited, and joyn themselves with the Parliament in defence

"of Religion, his Majesty's Person, the Liberties, and Law

"of the Kingdom, and Privileges of Parliament, with their

"Persons, and Estates, as the Members of both Houses, and

"the rest of the Kingdom have done, that the Lords and

"Commons would be ready, upon their submission, to receive

"such Persons in such a manner, as they should have cause to

"acknowledge they had been used with Clemency and Favour;

"provided that That favour should not extend to admit any

"Man into either House of Parliament, who stood suspend-

"ed, without giving satisfaction to the House whereof he

"should be a Member; and except all Persons who stood im-

"peach'd, or particularly Voted against in either House of

"Parliament for any Delinquency whatsoever; excepting

"likewise such adherents of those, who stood impeach'd in

"Parliament of Treason, as had been eminent Persons, and

"chief

“chief Actors in those Treasons. And lest those clauses of exception (which no doubt comprehended all the King’s Party, and if not, They were still to be judges of their own Clemency and Favour, which was all was promised to the humblest penitent) might invite those, whom they had no mind to receive on any terms, they vouchsafed a “Particular exception of the Earl of *Bristol*, the Earl of *Cumberland*, the Earl of *New-Castle*, the Earl of *Rivers*, the Duke of *Richmond*, “the Earl of *Carnarvan*, the Lord *Newark*, and the Lord “Viscount *Falkland* Principal Secretary of State to his Majesty, Mr Secretary *Nicholas*, Mr *Endymion Porter*, Mr *Edward Hyde*; against not one of whom was there a Charge depending of any crime, and against very few of them so much as a Vote, which was no great matter of Delinquency.

It will be here necessary to insert the Petition, directed to be presented in some safe and honourable way to his Majesty; the rather for that the same was, upon the reasons hereafter mention’d, never presented; which was afterwards objected to his Majesty as a rejection of Peace on His part, when They desir’d it. The Petition was in these words.

*The Petition
of both
Houses, to the
King, sent
to the General
to be
presented,
but never
delivered.*

“WE your Majesty’s Loyal Subjects, the Lords and Commons in Parliament, cannot, without great grief, and tenderness of compassion, behold the pressing Miseries, the imminent Dangers, and the devouring Calamities, which extremely threaten, and have partly seised upon both your “Kingdoms of *England*, and *Ireland*, by the practices of a “Party prevailing with your Majesty; who, by many wicked “Plots and Conspiracies have attempted the alteration of the “true Religion, and the ancient Government of this Kingdom, and the introducing of Popish Idolatry and Superstition in the Church, and Tyranny and Confusion in the State; “and, for the compassing thereof, have long corrupted your “Majesty’s Counsels, abused your Power, and by suddain and untimely dissolving of former Parliaments, have often hinder’d the Reformation, and Prevention of those Mischiefs: “and being now disabled to avoid the endeavours of this Parliament, by any such means, have Trayterously attempted to “overawe the same by Force; and, in prosecution of their “wicked designs, have excited, encouraged, and foster’d an “unnatural Rebellion in *Ireland*; by which, in a most cruel “and outrageous manner, many thousands of your Majesty’s “Subjects there, have been destroy’d; and, by false slanders “upon your Parliament, and malicious and unjust Accusations, have endeavour’d to begin the like Massacre Here; “and being, through God’s blessing, therein disappointed, “have, as the most mischievous and bloody design of all, drawn
“your

“ your Majesty to make War against your Parliament, and
“ good Subjects of this Kingdom, Leading in your Person an
“ Army against them, as if you intended, by Conquest, to
“ establish an absolute and unlimited Power over them ; and
“ by your Power, and the countenance of your presence, have
“ ransack’d, spoil’d, imprison’d, and murder’d divers of your
“ People ; and, for their better assistance in their wicked de-
“ signs, do seek to bring over the Rebels of *Ireland*, and other
“ Forces, beyond the Seas, to joyn with them.

“ AND We, finding our selves utterly depriv’d of your
“ Majesty’s Protection, and the Authors, Counsellors, and
“ Abettors of these mischiefs in greatest Power and Favour with
“ your Majesty, and defended by You against the Justice, and
“ Authority of your High Court of Parliament ; whereby
“ they are grown to that height and insolence, as to manifest
“ their rage and malice against those of the Nobility, and others,
“ who are any whit inclinable to Peace, not without great
“ appearance of danger to your own Royal Person, if you
“ shall not in all things concur with their wicked and Tray-
“ terous courses ; have, for the just and necessary defence of
“ the Protestant Religion, of your Majesty’s Person, Crown,
“ and Dignity, of the Laws and Liberties of the Kingdom,
“ and the Privileges and Power of Parliament, taken up
“ Arms, and appointed and authoriz’d *Robert* Earl of *Essex*
“ to be Captain General of all the Forces by us raised, and to
“ lead and conduct the same against these Rebels and Traytors,
“ and them to subdue, and bring to condign punishment ;
“ and do most humbly beseech your Majesty to withdraw your
“ Royal Presence and Countenance from those wicked Per-
“ sons ; and, if they shall stand out in defence of their Re-
“ bellious and unlawful attempts, that your Majesty will leave
“ them to be suppress’d by that Power, which We have sent
“ against them ; and that your Majesty will not mix your own
“ dangers with theirs, but in Peace and Safety, without your
“ Forces, forthwith return to your Parliament ; and by their
“ faithful Counsel and Advice, compose the present distem-
“ pers and confusions abounding in both your Kingdoms ; and
“ provide for the Security and Honour of your self, and your
“ Royal Posterity, and the prosperous Estate of all your Sub-
“ jects ; wherein if your Majesty please to yield to our most
“ humble, and earnest desires, We do, in the presence of Al-
“ mighty God, profess, that We will receive your Majesty
“ with all honour, yield you all due obedience, and subjection,
“ and faithfully endeavour to secure your Person and Estate
“ from all dangers ; and, to the uttermost of our Power, to
“ procure and establish to your self, and to your People, all
“ the blessings of a Glorious and Happy Reign.

*Votes of both
Houses for
raising and
securing
Money.*

BESIDES this, that it might appear, they were nothing jealous or apprehensive of the People's defection and revolt from them, whereas before they had made the general desire of the Kingdom the ground, and argument for whatsoever they had done, and had only invited Men to contribute freely what they thought fit, to the charge in hand, without compelling any who were unwilling; they now took notice not only of those who opposed their proceedings, or privately dissuaded other Men from concurring with them, but of those, who either out of fear, or covetousness, or both, had neglected really to contribute; and therefore they boldly publish'd their Votes (which were Laws to the People, or of much more Authority) "That all such Persons, as should not contribute to the Charge of the Common-wealth, in that time of eminent necessity, should be disarm'd and secur'd; and that this Vote might be the more terrible, they order'd, the same day, the Mayor and Sheriffs of *London* "To search the "Houses, and seize the Arms belonging to some Aldermen, "and other principal substantial Citizens of *London*, whom they named in their Order; "For that it appear'd by the report from their Committee, that they had not contributed, "as they ought, to the Charge of the Common-wealth.

By this means the poorest, and lowest of the People became Informers against the richest, and most substantial; and the result of searching the Houses and seizing the Arms was the taking away Plate, and things of the greatest Value, and very frequently plundering whatsoever was worth the keeping. They farther appointed, "That the Fines, Rents, and Profits, "of Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, and "of all Delinquents, who had taken up Arms against the "Parliament; or had been active in the Commission of Array, "should be Sequester'd for the use and benefit of the Common-wealth. And that the King might not fare better than his Adherents, they directed "All his Revenue, arising out "of Rents, Fines in Courts of Justice, Composition for Wards, "and the like, and all other his Revenue should be brought "into the several Courts, and other places, where they ought "to be paid in, and not issued forth, or paid forth, until further Order should be taken by both Houses of Parliament, without so much as assigning him any part of his Own, towards the support of his own Person.

THIS stout invasion of the People's property, and compelling them to part with what was most precious to them, any part of their Estates, was thought by many an unpopular Act, in the morning of their Sovereignty, and that it would wonderfully have irreconciled their new Subjects to them. But the Conductors well understood, that their Empire al-
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ready depended more on the Fear, than Love of the People; and that as they could carry on the War only by having Money enough to pay the Soldiers, so, that whilst they had That, probably they should not want Men to recruit their Armies upon any misadventure.

It cannot be imagin'd, how great advantages the King receiv'd by the Parliament's rejecting the King's Messages for Peace, and their manner in doing it. All Men's mouths were open'd against them, the Messages and Answers being read in all Churches; they who could not serve him in their Persons, contriv'd ways to supply him with Money. Some eminent Governours in the Universities gave him notice that all the Colleges were very plentifully supplied with Plate, which would amount to a good Value, and lay useless in their Treasuries, there being enough besides for their Common Use; and there was not the least doubt, but that whensoever his Majesty should think fit to require that Treasure, it would all be sent to him. Of this the King had long thought, and, when he was at *Nottingham*, in that Melancholick season, two Gentlemen were dispatch'd away to *Oxford*, and to *Cambridge* (Two to each) with Letters to the several Vice-Chancellors, that they should move the Heads, and Principals of the several Colleges and Halls, that they would send their Plate to the King; private advertisements being first sent to some Trusty Persons to prepare, and dispose those, without whose consent the Service could not be perform'd.

THIS whole Affair was transacted with so great secrecy, and discretion, that the Messengers return'd from the two Universities, in as short a time as such a Journey could well be made; and brought with them all, or very near all their Plate, and a considerable Sum of Money, which was sent as a Present to his Majesty from several of the Heads of Colleges, out of their own particular Stores; some Scholars coming with it, and helping to procure Horses and Carts for the Service; all which came safe to *Nottingham*, at the time when there appear'd no more expectation of a Treaty, and contributed much to raising the dejected Spirits of the place. The Plate was presently weigh'd out, and deliver'd to the several Officers, who were entrusted to make Levies of Horse and Foot, and who receiv'd it as Money, the rest was carefully preserv'd to be carried with the King, when he should remove from thence; secret Orders being sent to the Officers of the Mint, to be ready to come to his Majesty as soon as he should require them, which he meant to do, as soon as he should find himself in a place convenient. There was now no more complaining or murmuring. Some Gentlemen undertook to make Levies upon their Credit, and Interest, and others sent Money to the King upon their own Inclinations.

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The two Universities contributed their Money and Plate to the King.

THERE was a pleasant Story, then much spoken of in the Court, which administer'd some Mirth. There were two great Men who liv'd near *Nottingham*, both Men of great Fortunes and of great Parsimony, and known to have much Money lying by them. To the former the Lord *Capel* was sent, to the latter, *John Ashburnham* of the Bed Chamber, and of entire Confidence with his Master; each of them with a Letter, all written with the King's hand, to borrow of each ten or five thousand pounds. *Capel* was very civilly receiv'd by One, and entertain'd as well as the ill Accomodations in his House, and his manner of living would admit. He express'd with wonderful civil professions of Duty, "The great trouble he sustain'd, in not being able to comply with his Majesty's Commands: He said, "All Men knew that he neither had, nor could have Money, because he had every year, of ten or a dozen which were past, purchased a thousand pounds Land a year; and therefore he could not be imagin'd to have any Money lying by him, which he never lov'd to have. But, he said, he had a Neighbour, who liv'd within few Miles of him, who was good for nothing, and liv'd like a Hog. not allowing himself Necessaries, and who could not have so little as twenty thousand pounds in the Scurvy House in which he liv'd; and advised, "He might be sent to, who could not deny the having of Money; and concluded with great duty to the King, and detestation of the Parliament, and as if he meant to consider farther of the thing, and to endeavour to get some Money for him, which though he did not remember to send, his affections were good, and he was afterwards kill'd in the King's Service.

ASHBURNHAM got no more Money, nor half so many good words. That Lord had so little Correspondence with the Court, that he had never heard his Name, and when he had read the King's Letter, he ask'd from whom it was; and when he told him, "He saw it was from the King, he replied, "That he was not such a fool as to believe it. That he had receiv'd Letters both from the King and his Father; and hastily running out of the Room, return'd with half a dozen Letters in his hand; saying, "That those were all the King's Letters, and that they always begun with *Right Trusty and Well beloved*, and the King's Name was ever at the Top; but this Letter begun with his own Name, and ended with "your loving Friend C. R. which he said, he was sure could not be the King's hand. His other treatment was according to this, and after an ill Supper he was shew'd an indifferent Bed; the Lord telling him, "That he would confer more of the matter in the morning; he having sent a Servant with a Letter to the Lord *Falkland*, who was his Wifes Nephew, and

and who had scarce ever seen his Uncle. The Man came to Nottingham about Midnight, and found my Lord Falkland in his Bed. The Letter was to tell him, "That one *Asbburnham* was with him, who brought him a Letter, which he said was from the King; but he knew that could not be; and therefore he desir'd to know, who this Man was, whom he kept in his House till the Messenger should return. In spight of the Laughter, which could not be forborne, the Lord Falkland made haste to inform him of the Condition and Quality of the Person, and that the Letter was writ with the King's own hand, which he seldom vouchsafed to do. And the Messenger returning early the next morning, his Lordship treated Mr *Asbburnham* with so different a respect, that he, who knew nothing of the cause, believ'd, that he should return with all the Money that was desir'd. But it was not long before he was undeceiv'd. The Lord with as chearful a Countenance as His could be, for he had a very unusual and unpleasant Face, told him, "That though he had no Money Himself, but was in extreme want of it, he would tell him where he might have Money enough; that he had a Neighbour, who liv'd within four or five Miles, that never did good to any body, and lov'd no body but himself, who had a world of Money, and could furnish the King with as much as he had need of, and if he should deny that he had Money when the King sent to him, he knew where he had one Trunk full, and would discover it; and that he was so ill belov'd and had so few Friends, that no body would care how the King used him. This good Counsel was all Mr *Asbburnham* could make of him: and yet this wretched Man was so far from wishing well to the Parliament, that when they had prevail'd, and were possessed of the whole Kingdom, as well as of Nottinghamshire, he would not give them one penny; nor compound for his Delinquency, as they made the having liv'd in the King's Quarters to be; but suffer'd his whole Estate to be Sequester'd and liv'd in a very miserable fashion, only by what he could ravish from his Tenants; who, though they paid their Rents to the Parliament, were forced by his rage and threats to part with so much as kept him, till he died, in that Condition he chose to live in: His Conscience being powerful enough to deny Himself, though it could not dispose him to grant to the King. And thus the two Messengers return'd to the King, so near the same time, that he who came first, had not given his account to the King, before the other enter'd into his Presence.

THE same day, a Gentleman in those parts, known to be very rich, being press'd to lend the King five hundred pounds, sent him a present of one hundred pieces in Gold; which, he

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said "He had procur'd with great difficulty; and protested, "with many execrable imprecations, that he had never in his "life seen five hundred pounds of his own together; when, within one Month after the King's departure, the Parliament Troops, which borrow'd in another style, took five thousand pounds from him, which was lodg'd with him, in the Chamber in which he lay. Which is therefore mention'd in this place, that upon this occasion it may be seen, that the unthrifty retention of their Money, which possessed the Spirits of those, who did really wish the King all the success he wish'd for himself, was one unhappy cause of all his misfortunes: and if they had, in the beginning, but lent the King the fifth part of what, after infinite losses, they found necessary to sacrifice to his Enemies, in the Conclusion, to preserve themselves from total ruin, his Majesty had been able, with God's blessing, to have preserv'd Them, and to have destroy'd all his Enemies.

THE News of the important advantage before *Worcester* found the King at *Chester*, whither his Majesty thought necessary to make a Journey himself, as soon as he came to *Shrewsbury*, both to assure that City to his Service, which was the Key to *Ireland*, and to countenance the Lord *Strange* (who, by the death of his Father, became Earl of *Derby*) against some opposition he met with, on the behalf of the Parliament. Here *Cromwell*, sent by Prince *Rupert*, gave his Majesty an Account of that Action; and presented him with the Ensigns, which had been taken; and inform'd him of the Earl of *Essex's* being in *Worcester*; which made the King return sooner to *Shrewsbury* than he intended, and before the Earl of *Derby* was possessed of that Power, which a little longer stay would have given him.

PRINCE *Rupert* the same Night, after his Victory, finding the gross of the Rebels Army to be within five or six Miles, against which that City was in no degree Tenable, though all the King's Foot had been there, retir'd from *Worcester* on the *Welsh* side of the River, without any disturbance, into his Quarters near *Shrewsbury*, and with all his Prisoners, Colonel *Sandys* only excepted, whom he left to dye of his wounds there; the Earl of *Essex* being so much startled with this late Defeat, that he advanced not in two days after; and then being surely inform'd, that he should find no resistance, he enter'd with his Army into *Worcester*; using great severity to those Citizens, who had been Eminently inclin'd to the King's Service, and sending the principal of them Prisoners to *London*.

UPON the King's coming to *Shrewsbury*, there was a very great conflux of the Gentry there, and the Neighbouring Counties, which were generally well affected, and made great

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great professions of Duty to his Majesty: some of them undertook to make Levies of Horse and Foot, and perform'd it at their own Charge. The Town was very Commodious in all respects, strong in it's Situation; and in respect of it's Neighbourhood to North *Wales*, and the use of the *Severn*, yielded excellent Provisions of all kinds; so that both Court and Army were very well Accommodated, only the incurable disease of want of Money could not be asswaged in either. Yet whilst they sat still, it was not very sensible, much less importunate. The Soldiers behaved themselves orderly, and the People were not inclin'd, or provoked to complain of their new Guests; and the remainder of the Plate, which was brought from the Universities, together with the small presents in Money, which were made to the King by many particular Persons, supplied the present necessary Expences very conveniently. But it was easily discern'd, that, when the Army should move, which the King resolv'd it should do with all possible Expedition, the necessity of Money would be very great, and the Train of Artillery, which is commonly a Sponge that can hardly be filled, was destitute of all things necessary for motion. Nor was there any hope that it could march, till a good Sum of Money were assign'd to it; some Carriage-Horses, and Waggon, which were prepared for the Service of *Ireland*, and lay ready at *Chester*, to be transported with the Earl of *Leicester*, Lieutenant of that Kingdom, were brought to *Shrewsbury*, by his Majesty's Order, for his own Train: And the Earl's passionate labouring to prevent, or remedy that Application, with some other reasons, hinder'd the Earl himself from pursuing that Journey; and in the end, depriv'd him of that Province. But this seasonable addition to the Train encreased the necessity of Money, there being more use of it thereby.

Two Expedients were found to make such a competent provision for all wants, that they were at last broken through. Some Person of that inclination had insinuated to the King, that, "If the Roman Catholics, which that, and the adjacent Counties were well inhabited by, were secretly treated with, a considerable Sum of Money might be raised among them; but it must be carried with great privacy, that no notice might be taken of it, the Parliament having declared so great Animosities against them; nor did it in that conjuncture concern the King less that it should be very secret, to avoid the scandal of a close conjunction with the Papists, which was every day imputed to Him. Upon many Consultations how, and in what method to carry on this Design, the King was inform'd, "That if he would depute a Person, much trusted by Him, to that Service, the Roman Catho-
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“licks would trust him, and assign one or two of their Body
 “to confer with him, and by this means the work might be
 “carried on. Hereupon the King sent for that Person, and
 told him this whole matter, as is here set down, and re-
 quired him to consult with such a Person, whom he would
 send to him the next Morning. The next Morning a Person
 of Quality very much trusted by all that Party, came to him
 to confer upon that Subject; and shewed a list of the Names
 of all the Gentlemen of Quality and Fortune of that Reli-
 gion, who were all Convict Recufants, and liv’d within those
 Counties of *Shrop-shire* and *Stafford*. They appear’d to be a
 good Number of very valuable Men, on whose behalf he had
 only Authority to conclude, though he believ’d that the meth-
 od, they agreed on there, would be submitted to, and con-
 firm’d by that Party in all other places. He said “They
 “would by no means hearken to any motion of the Loan of
 “Money, for which they had paid so dear, upon their serving
 “the King in that manner, in his first Expedition against the
 “*Scots*. It was in the end agreed upon, that the King should write
 to every one of them to pay him an advance of two, or three
 Years of such Rent, as they were every Year oblig’d to pay him,
 upon the composition they had made with him for their Estates;
 which would amount to a considerable Sum of Money. And
 these Letters were accordingly writ, and within ten or twelve
 days, between four and five thousand pounds were return’d to
 his Majesty; which was a seasonable supply for his Affairs.

At his return to *Shrewsbury*, the King found as much done
 towards his March, as he expected. And then the other Ex-
 pedient (which was hinted before) for Money offer’d it self.
 There was a Gentleman of a very good Extraction, and of the
 best Estate of any Gentleman of that Country, who liv’d
 within four or five miles of *Shrewsbury*, and was look’d upon as
 a very prudent Man, and had a very powerful Influence upon
 that People, and was of undoubted Affections and Loyalty to
 the King, and to the Government both in Church, and State:
 his Eldest Son was a young Gentleman of great Expectation,
 and of excellent Parts, a Member of the House of Commons,
 who had behaved himself there very well. This Gentleman
 intimated to a friend of his, “That, if his Father might be
 “made a Baron, he did believe he might be prevail’d with, to
 “present his Majesty with a good Sum of Money. It was pro-
 posed to the King, who had no mind to embrace the propo-
 sition, his Majesty taking occasion often to speak against
 “making Merchandize of Honour; how much the Crown
 “suffer’d at present by the Licence of that kind, which had
 “been used during the Favour of the Duke of *Buckingham*;
 “and that he had not taken a firmer Resolution against many
 “things,

“things, than against this particular Expedient for raising Money. However, after he return'd from *Chester*, and found by the increase of his Levies, and the good disposition all things were in, that he might in a short time be able to March, and in so good a Condition, that he should rather seek the Rebels, than decline meeting with them, if the indispensable want of Money did not make his motion impossible; the Merit and Ability of the Person, and the fair expectation from his Posterity, he having two Sons, both very hopeful, prevail'd with his Majesty to resume the same overture; and in few days it was perfected, and the Gentleman was made a Baron; who presented the Sum of Six thousand pounds to his Majesty; whereupon all preparations for the Army were procured with effect.

ASOON as the King came to *Shrewsbury*, he had dispatched his Letters and Agents into *Wales*, *Cheshire*, and *Lancashire*, to quicken the Levies of Men which were making there, and return'd from *Chester* through the North part of *Wales* (where he found the People Cordial to him, and Arming themselves for him) to *Shrewsbury*. The King's custom was in all Counties, through which he passed, to cause the High Sheriff to draw all the Gentlemen, and the most substantial Inhabitants of those parts together, to whom (besides his caressing the principal Gentlemen severally, familiarly, and very obligingly) he always spoke something publickly (which was afterwards Printed) telling them,

“THAT it was a benefit to him from the Insolencies and Misfortunes, which had driven him about, that they had brought him to so good a part of his Kingdom, and to so faithful a part of his People. He hoped, neither They, nor He should repent their coming together. He would do His part, that they might not; and of Them he was confident before he came. He told them, “The Residence of an Army was not usually pleasant to any place; and His might carry more fear with it, since it might be thought (being robbed and spoiled of all his own, and such Terror used to fright and keep all Men from supplying him) he must only live upon the Aid and Relief of his People. But he bid them not be afraid; and said, “He wished to God, his poor Subjects suffer'd no more by the Insolence, and Violence of that Army raised against him, though they had made themselves wanton with Plenty, than they should do by His; and yet he feared he should not be able to prevent all Disorders; he would do his best; and promised them, no Man should be a loser by him if he could help it. He said “He had sent for a Mint, and would melt down all his own Plate, and expose all his Land to sale, or mortgage, that he might
“bring

The Substance of the King's Speeches to the Gentry and Commonalty of the several Counties through which he passed.

“bring the least pressure upon them. However, he invited them “To do that for him, and themselves, for the maintenance of their Religion, and the Law of the Land (by which they enjoyed all that they had) which other Men did against them; he desired them, “not to suffer so good a Cause to be lost, for want of supplying him with that, which would be taken from them, by those who pursued his Majesty with that Violence. And whilst those ill Men sacrificed their Money, Plate, and utmost Industry, to destroy the Common-wealth, They would be no less liberal to preserve it. He bid them assure themselves, if it pleased God to bless him with Success, he would remember the Assistance every particular Man gave him to his advantage. However it would hereafter (how furiously soever the minds of some Men were now possessed) be Honour and Comfort to them, that with some charge and trouble to themselves, they had done Their part to Support their King and Preserve the Kingdom.

HIS Majesty always took notice of any particular reports, which, either with reference to the publick, or their private concerns, might make impression upon that People, and gave clear Answers to them. With this gracious and Princely demeanour, it is hardly credible how much he won upon the People; so that not only his Army daily increased by Volunteers (for there was not a Man pressed) but such proportions of Plate, and Money, were voluntarily brought in, that the Army was fully and constantly paid: the King having erected a Mint at *Shrewsbury*, more for reputation than use. (For, for want of Work men, and Instruments, they could not Coyn a thousand pounds a week) and causing all his own Plate, for the Service of his Household, to be deliver’d there, made other Men think, theirs was the less worth the preserving.

SHORTLY after the Earl of *Essex* came to *Worcester*, he sent a Gentleman (*Fleetwood*, the same who had afterwards so great power in the Army, but then a Trooper in his Guards) to *Shrewsbury*, without a Trumpet, or any other ceremony than a Letter to the Earl of *Dorset*; in which he said, “He “was appointed by the Parliament, to cause a Petition, then “in his hands to be presented to his Majesty; and therefore “desired his Lordship to know his Majesty’s pleasure, when “he would be pleased to receive it from such Persons, as he “should send over with it. The Earl of *Dorset* (by his Majesty’s command, after it had been debated in Council what Answer to return) sent him word in writing, “That the King “had always been, and would be still ready to receive any “Petition from his two Houses of Parliament; and if the “Earl had any such to be presented, if he sent it by any Persons,

“sons, who stood not Personally accused by his Majesty of
“High Treason, and excepted specially in all offers of Par-
“don made by him, the Persons who brought it should be
“welcome; and the King would return such an Answer to
“it, as should be agreeable to Honour, and Justice. Whether
this limitation as to Messengers displeased them (as it was af-
terwards said, that the Messengers appointed to have delivered
it were the Lord *Mandevil*, and Mr *Hambden*, who, they
thought, would have skill to make infusions into many Per-
sons then about his Majesty; and the hopes of that access be-
ing barred by that limitation, and exception, they would
not send any other) or what other reason soever there was,
the King heard no more of this Petition, nor any address of
that Nature, till he found, by some new Printed Votes, and
Declarations, “That he was guilty of another breach of the
“Privilege of Parliament, for having refused to receive their
“Petition, except it were presented in such a manner as He
“prescribed: Whereas They alone were Judges in what man-
“ner, and by what Persons their own Petitions should be de-
“liver’d, and he ought so to receive them. So that Petition
which is before set down in the very terms it pass’d both
Houses, was never deliver’d to his Majesty.

THERE cannot be too often mention of the wonderful Pro-
vidence of God, that from that low despis’d condition the
King was in at *Nottingham*, after the setting up his Standard,
he should be able to get Men, Money, or Arms, so that,
within twenty days after his coming to *Shrewsbury*, he resolv’d
to march, in despite of the Enemy, even towards *London*;
his Foot by this time, consisting of about six thousand; and
his Horse of two thousand; his Train in very good Order,
commanded by Sr *John Heydon*. And though this strength
was much inferior to the Enemy, yet as it was greater than
any Man thought possible to be rais’d, so all thought it suffi-
cient to encounter the Rebels. Besides that it was confident-
ly believ’d (and not without some grounds, upon correspon-
dence with some Officers in the other Army) that, as soon as
the Armies came within any reasonable distance of each other,
very many Soldiers would leave their Colours, and come to
the King; which expectation was confirm’d by divers Soldi-
ers, who every day dropped in from those Forces; and, to
make themselves welcome, told many Stories of their Fel-
low’s resolutions, whom they had left behind.

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of the Kings
Army at
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AND this must be confess’d, that either by the care and di-
ligence of the Officers, or by the good inclinations, and tem-
per of the Soldiers themselves, the Army was in so good or-
der and discipline, that, during the King’s stay at *Shrewsbury*,
there was not any remarkable disorder; the Country being

very kind to the Soldiers, and the Soldiers just, and regardful to the Country. And by the free Loans and Contributions of the Gentlemen, and Substantial Inhabitants, but especially by the assistance of the Nobility, who attended, the Army was so well paid, that there was not the least mutiny or discontent for want of pay; nor was there any cause; for they seldom failed every week, never went above a fortnight unpaid.

THE greatest difficulty was to provide Arms; of which indeed there was a wonderful scarcity, the King being exceedingly disappointed in his expectation of Arms from *Holland*; a Vessel or two having been taken by his own Ships, under the Command of the Earl of *Warwick*; so that, except eight hundred Musquets, five hundred pair of Pistols, and two hundred Swords, which came with the Powder, landed in *Tork-shire*, as is before mention'd, the King had none in his Magazine; so that he was compell'd to begin at *Nottingham*, and so in all places as he pass'd, to borrow the Arms from the Train'd-bands; which was done with so much wariness and caution (albeit it was known that those Arms would, being left in those hands, be employ'd against him, or at least be of no use to him) that it was done rather with their consent, than by any constraint, and always with the full approbation of their Commanders. And therefore in *Tork-shire*, and *Strop-shire*, where the Gentlemen very unskilfully, though with good meaning, desired that the Arms might still be left in the Country Men's hands, there was none of that kind of borrowing. But, in all places, the Noblemen, and Gentlemen of Quality, sent the King such supplies of Arms, out of their own Armories (which were very mean) so that by all those Means together, the Foot, all but three or four hundred, who marched without any Weapon but a Cudgel, were Arm'd with Musquets, and Bags for their Powder, and Pikes; but, in the whole Body, there was not a Pikeman, had a Corslet, and very few Musqueteers who had Swords. Among the Horse, the Officers had their full desire, if they were able to procure old Backs, and Breasts, and Pots with Pistols, or Carabines, for their two or three first Ranks, and Swords for the rest; themselves (and some Soldiers by their examples) having gotten, besides their Pistols and Swords, a short Pole-Ax.

THE Foot were divided into three Brigades; the first commanded by *Sr Nicholas Byron*, the second by Colonel *Harry Wentworth*, the third by Colonel *Richard Fielding*, *Sr Jacob Astley*, being Major General, and commanding the Foot immediately under the General. For, though General *Rutben*, who came to the King some few days before he left *Shrewsbury*, was made Field Marshal, yet he kept wholly with the Horse

to assist Prince *Rupert*: and *St Arthur Aston*, of whose Soldierly there was a very great esteem, was made Colonel General of the Dragoons; which at that time, though consisting of two or three Regiments, were not above eight hundred, or a thousand at the most. Most of the Persons of Quality, except those whose attendance was near the King's own Person, put themselves into the King's Troop of Guards, commanded by the Lord *Bernard Stewart*; and made indeed so gallant a Body, that, upon very modest computation, the Estate, and Revenue of that single Troop, it was thought, might justly be valued at least equal to all theirs, who then Voted in both Houses, under the Name of the Lords and Commons of Parliament, which made and maintain'd that War. Their Servants, under the command of *St William Killigrew*, made another full Troop, and always marched with their Lords and Masters.

IN this equipage the King marched from *Shrewsbury* on the 12th of *October* to *Bridgenorth*, never less baggage attending a Royal Army, there being not one Tent, and very few Waggon's belonging to the whole Train; having in his whole Army not one Officer of the Field who was a Papist, except *St Arthur Aston*, if he were one; and very few common Soldiers of that Religion. However the Parliament, in all their Declarations, and their Clergy much more in their Sermons, assured the People, "That the King's Army consisted only of Papists, whilst themselves entertain'd all of that Religion, that they could get; and very many, both Officers and Soldiers, of that Religion engaged with them; whether it was that they really believ'd, that That Army did desire Liberty of Conscience for all Religions, as some of the chief of them pretended, or that they desired to divide themselves for communication of Intelligence, and Interest. And here it is not fit to forget one particular, that when the Committee of Parliament appointed to advance the service upon the Proposition for Plate, and Horses, in the County of *Suffolk*, sent word to the House of Commons, "That some Papists offer'd to lend Money upon those Propositions, and desired advice whether they should accept of it; it was Answer'd, "That if they offer'd any considerable Sum, whereby it might be conceived to proceed from a real affection to the Parliament, and not out of Policy to bring themselves within their Protection, and so to excuse their Delinquency, it should be accepted of.

WHEN the King was ready for his march, there was some difference of opinion which way he should take; many were of opinion that he should march towards *Worcester*, where the Earl of *Essex* still remain'd; those Countries were thought

well affected to the King; where his Army would be supplied with provisions, and increased in Numbers; and that no time should be lost in coming to a Battle; because the longer it was deferred, the stronger the Earl would grow, by the supplies which were every day sent to him from *London*; and he had store of Arms with him to supply all defects of that kind. However it was thought more counsellable to march directly towards *London*, it being morally sure, that the Earl of *Essex* would put himself in their way. The King had much confidence in his Horse (his Nephew Prince *Bucent* being in the head of them) which were bestid by their success at *Worcester*; and if he had made his march that way, he would have been entangled in the inclosures, where his Horse would have been less useful; whereas there were many open grounds near the other way, much fitter for an Engagement. And so, about the middle of *October*, the King march'd from *Shrewsbury*, and quarter'd that night at *Bridge-north*, ten Miles from the other place, where there was a Rendezvous of the whole Army, which appear'd very cheerful; and thence to *Wolverhampton*, *Bromwich*, and *Killingworth*, a House of the King's, and a very noble Seat, where the King rested one day; where the Lord Chief Justice *Heath*, who was made Chief Justice for that purpose (*Bramston*, a Man of great Learning and Integrity, being, without any purpose of disfavour, removed from that Office, because he stood bound by Recognizance to attend the Parliament, upon an accusation depending there against him) began to sit upon a Commission of Oyer and Terminer, to attain the Earl of *Essex*, and many other Persons who were in Rebellion, of High-Treason.

SOME days had passed without any notice of that Army; some reporting that it remain'd still at *Worcester*, others, that they were march'd the direct way from thence towards *London*. But intelligence came from *London*, "That very many Officers of Name, and Command in the Parliament Army, had undergone that service with a full resolution to come to the King, as soon as they were within any distance; and it was wish'd, that the King would send a Proclamation into the Army itself, and to offer pardon to all who would return to their obedience. A Proclamation was prepared accordingly, and all circumstances resolv'd upon, that a Herald should be sent to proclaim it in the Head of the Earl's Army, when it should be drawn up in Battle. But, that and many other particulars, prepared and resolv'd upon, were forgotten, or omitted at the time appointed, which would not admit any of those formalities.

W H E N the whole Army march'd together, there was quickly

quickly discover'd an unhappy jealousy, and division between the principal Officers, which grew quickly into a perfect Faction between the Foot and the Horse. The Earl of *Lincoln* ^{Faction be- gun in the King's Ar- my.} was General of the whole Army by his Commission, and thought very equal to it. But when Prince *Rupert* came to the King, which was after the Standard was set up, and re- ceiv'd a Commission to be General of the Horse, which, all Men knew, was design'd for him, there was a clause insert- ed into it, exempting him from receiving Orders from any Body but from the King himself; which, upon the matter, separated all the Horse from any dependence upon the General, and had other ill consequences in it: for when the King at Mid- night, being in his Bed, and receiving Intelligence of the En- emies motion, commanded the Lord *Falkland*, his principal Secretary of State, to direct Prince *Rupert*, what he should do, his Highness took it very ill, and expostulated with the Lord *Falkland*, for giving him Orders. He could not have directed his passion against any Man, who would feel or re- gard it less. He told him, "That it was his Office to signify what the King bid him; which he should always do; and that his Highness, in neglecting it, neglected the King; who did neither the Prince, nor his own Service any good, by complying in the beginning with his rough Nature. But the King was so indulgent to him, that he took his advice in all things relating to the Army, and upon the deliberation of their march, and the figure of the Battle they resolv'd to fight in with the Enemy, he concurr'd entirely with Prince *Ru- pert's* advice, rejecting the opinion of the General, who pro- fer'd the Order he had learnt under Prince *Maurice*, and Prince *Harry*, with whom he had serv'd at the same time, when the Earl of *Essex* and he, both of them, had Regiments. The reservedness of the Prince's Nature, and the little Educa- tion he then had in Courts, made him unfit to make acquaint- ance with any of the Lords, who were thereby likewise dis- couraged from applying themselves to him; whilst some Of- ficers of the Horse were well pleas'd to observe that strange- ness, and fomented it; believing their Credit would be the greater with the Prince, and desiring that no other Person should have any Credit with the King. So the War was scarce begun when there appear'd such Faction and Designs in the Army, which Wise Men look'd upon as a very evil Presage; and the inconveniencies, which flow'd from thence, gave the King great trouble in a short time after.

WITHIN two days after the King march'd from *Shrewsbury*. The Earl *bury*, the Earl of *Essex* mov'd from *Worcester* to attend him, with an Army far Superior in Number to the King's; the Horse and Foot being compleatly Arm'd, and the Men very

well Exercised, and the whole Equipage (being supplied out of the King's Magazines) suitable to an Army set forth at the charge of a Kingdom. The Earl of *Bedford* had the Name of General of the Horse, though that Command principally depended upon *Sr William Balfour*. Of the Nobility he had with him the Lords *Kimbolton*, *Saint-John*, *Wharton*, *Roberts*, and the Lords *Rockford*, and *Fielding* (whose Fathers, the Earls of *Dover*, and *Denbigh*, charg'd as Volunteers in the King's Guard of Horse) and many Gentlemen of Quality; but his Train was so very great, that he could move but in slow marches. So that the two Armies, though they were but twenty Miles asunder, when they first set forth, and both march'd the same way, gave not the least disquiet in ten days march to each other; and in truth, as it appear'd afterwards, neither Army knew where the other was.

THE King by quick marches, having seldom rested a day in any place, came, on *Saturday* the 22^d of *October*, to *Edgcot* a Village in *Northampton-shire*, within four Miles of *Banbury*, in which the Rebels had a Garrison. As soon as he came thither he call'd a Council of War, and having no Intelligence that the Earl of *Essex* was within any distance, it was resolv'd "the King and the Army should rest in those Quarters the next day, only that *Sr Nicholas Byron* should march with his "Brigade, and attempt the taking in of *Banbury*. With this Resolution the Council broke up, and all Men went to their Quarters, which were at a great distance, without any apprehension of an Enemy. But that night, about twelve of the Clock, Prince *Rupert* sent the King word, "That the Body of "the Rebel's Army was within seven or eight Miles, and "that the head Quarter was at a Village call'd *Keinton* on "the Edge of *Warwick-shire*; and that it would be in his "Majesty's power, if he thought fit, to fight a Battle the next "day; which his Majesty liked well, and therefore immediately dispatch'd Orders to cross the design for *Banbury*, "And "that the whole Army should draw to a Rendezvous on the "top of *Edge-Hill*; which was a high Hill about two Miles from *Keinton*, where the head Quarter of the Earl was, which had a clear prospect of all that Valley.

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IN the morning being *Sunday* the 23^d of *October*, when the Rebels were beginning their March (for they suspected not the King's Forces to be near) they perceiv'd a fair Body of Horse on the top of that Hill, and easily concluded their March was not then to be far. It is certain they were exceedingly surpris'd, having never had any other Confidence of their Men, than by the disparity they concluded would be still between their Numbers, and the King's, the which they found themselves now deceiv'd in. For two of their strongest
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and best Regiments of Foot, and one Regiment of Horse, was a days march behind with their Ammunition. So that, though they were still superior in Number, yet that difference was not so great as they promised themselves. However it cannot be denied that the Earl, with great dexterity, perform'd whatsoever could be expected from a Wise General. He chose that ground which best liked him. There was between the Hill and the Town a fair Campaign, save that near the Town it was narrower, and on the right hand some Hedges, and Inclosures : so that there he placed Musqueteers, and not above two Regiments of Horse, where the ground was narrowest; but on his left Wing he placed a Body of a thousand Horse, Commanded by one *Ramsay* a Scots-man; the Reserve of Horse, which was a good one, was Commanded by the Earl of *Bedford*, General of their Horse, and *Sr William Balfour* with him. The General Himself was with the Foot, which were order'd as much to advantage as might be. And in this posture they stood from eight of the Clock in the morning.

ON the other side, though Prince *Rupert* was early in the morning with the greatest part of the Horse on the top of the Hill, which gave the Enemy the first Alarm of the necessity of fighting, yet the Foot were quarter'd at so great a distance, that many Regiments march'd seven or eight Miles to the Rendezvous, so that it was past one of the Clock, before the King's Forces march'd down the Hill; the General himself alighted at the head of his own Regiment of Foot, his Son the Lord *Willoughby* being next to him, with the King's Regiment of Guards, in which was the King's Standard carried by *Sr Edmund Verney* Knight Marshal. The King's right Wing of Horse was Commanded by Prince *Rupert*, the left Wing by *Mr Wilmot* Commissary General of the Horse, who was assisted by *Sr Arthur Aston* with most of the Dragoons, because that left Wing was opposed to the Enemies right, which had the shelter of some Hedges lin'd with Musqueteers: and the Reserve was committed to *Sr John Byron*, and consisted indeed only of his own Regiment. At the entrance into the Field, the King's Troop of Guards, either provoked by some unseasonable Scoffs among the Soldiery, or out of desire of Glory, or both, besought the King, "That he would give them leave to be absent that day from his Person, and to Charge in the Front among the Horse, the which his Majesty consented to. They desir'd Prince *Rupert* "to give them that Honour which belonged to them; who accordingly assign'd them the first place; which, though they perform'd their parts with admirable Courage, may well be reckon'd among the oversights of that day.

It was near three of the Clock in the afternoon, before the Battle begun; which, at that time of the year, was so late, that some were of opinion, "That the business should be deferred till the next day. But against that there were many objections, "The King's Numbers could not increase, the Enemies might; for they had not only their Garrisons, *Warwick, Coventry, and Banbury* within distance, but all that Country so devoted to them, that they had all Provisions brought to them, without the least trouble; whereas, on the other side, the People were so disaffected to the King's Party, that they had carried away, or hid all their Provisions, inasmuch as there was neither Meat for Man, or Horse; and the very Smiths hid themselves, that they might not be compelled to shoe Horses, of which in those stony ways there was great need. This proceeded not from any radical Malice, or disaffection to the King's Cause, or his Person, though it is true, that circuit in which this Battle was fought, being very much in the Interest of the Lord *Say*, and the Lord *Brooke*, was the most eminently corrupted of any County in *England*; but by the reports, and insinuations which the other very diligent Party had wrought into the People's belief; "That the Cavaliers were of a Fierce, Bloody, and Licentious disposition, and that they committed all manner of Cruelty upon the Inhabitants of those places where they came, of which, Robbery was the least: so that the poor People thought there was no other way to preserve their Goods, than by hiding them out of the way; which was confessed by them, when they found how much that information had wronged them, by making them so injurious to their Friends. And therefore where the Army rested a day they found much better Entertainment at parting, than when they came; for it will not be denied, that there was no Person of Honour or Quality, who paid not punctually and exactly for what they had; and there was not the least violence or disorder among the Common Soldiers in their march, which escaped exemplary punishment, so that at *Bromwicham*, a Town so generally wicked, that it had risen upon small Parties of the King's, and kill'd, or taken them Prisoners, and sent them to *Coventry*, declaring a more peremptory Malice to his Majesty than any other place, two Soldiers were executed, for having taken some small trifle of no value out of a House, whose owner was at that time in the Rebel's Army. So strict was the discipline in this Army; when the other, without controul, practised all the dissoluteness imaginable. But the march was so fast, that the leaving a good Reputation behind them, was no Harbinger to provide for their better Reception in the next Quarters. So that their wants were so great, at the time when they came to
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Edge-hill, that there were very many Companies of the Common Soldiers, who had scarce eaten Bread in eight and forty hours before. The only way to cure this was a Victory; and therefore the King gave the Word, though it was late, the Enemy keeping their ground to receive him without Advancing at all.

IN this hurry, there was an omission of somewhat, which the King intended to have executed before the beginning of the Battle. He had caused many Proclamations to be Printed of Pardon to all those Soldiers who would lay down their Arms, which he resolv'd, as is said before, to have sent by a Herald to the Earl of *Essex*, and to have found ways to have scatter'd, and dispersed them in that Army, as soon as he understood they were within any distance of him. But all Men were now so much otherwise busied, that it was not soon enough remember'd; and when it was, the Proclamations were not at hand; which, by that which follows, might probably have produced a good effect. For as the right Wing of the King's Horse advanced to Charge the left Wing, which was the gross of the Enemy's Horse, *Sr Faithful Fortescue* (who, having his Fortune and Interest in *Ireland*, was come out of that Kingdom to hasten supplies thither, and had a Troop of Horse raised for him for that Service, but as many other of those Forces were, so his Troop was likewise disposed into that Army; and he was now Major to *Sr William Waller*; He) with his whole Troop advanced from the gross of their Horse, and discharging all their Pistols on the ground, within little more than Carabine shot of his own Body, presented Himself, and his Troop to Prince *Rupert*; and immediately, with his Highness, charg'd the Enemy. Whether this sudden Accident, as it might very well, and the not knowing how many more were of the same mind, each Man looking upon his Companion with the same apprehension as upon the Enemy, or whether the terror of Prince *Rupert*, and the King's Horse, or all together, with their own evil Consciences, wrought upon them, I know not, but that whole Wing, having unskilfully discharg'd their Carabines and Pistols into the Air, wheel'd about, the King's Horse charging in the flank and rear, and having thus absolutely routed them, pursued them flying; and had the execution of them above two Miles.

THE left Wing, Commanded by Mr *Wilmot*, had as good success, though they were to charge in worse ground, among hedges, and through gaps and ditches, which were lin'd with Musqueteers. But *Sr Arthur Aston*, with great Courage and Dexterity, beat off those Musqueteers with his Dragoons; and then the right Wing of their Horse was as easily routed

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and disperſed as their left, and thoſe follow'd the Chafe as furiously as the other. The Reſerve ſeeing none of the Enemy's Horſe left, thought there was nothing more to be done, but to purſue thoſe that fled; and could not be contain'd by their Commanders; but with Spurs and looſe Reins follow'd the Chafe, which their left Wing had led them. And by this means, whilſt moſt Men thought the Victory unqueſtionable, the King was in danger of the ſame Fate which his Predeceſſor *Henry* the Third had at the Battle of *Lewes* againſt his Barons; when his Son the Prince, having routed their Horſe, follow'd the Chafe ſo far, that, before his return to the Field, his Father was taken Priſoner; and ſo his Victory ſerv'd only to make the miſfortunes of that day the more intolerable. For all the King's Horſe having thus left the Field, many of them only following the Execution, others intending the Spoil in the Town of *Keinton*, where all the Baggage was, and the Earl of *Effex*'s own Coach, which was taken, and brought away; their Reſerve, Commanded by *Sr William Balfour*, moved up and down the Field in good Order, and marching towards the King's Foot pretended to be Friends, till obſerving no Horſe to be in readineſs to charge them, they brake in upon the Foot, and did great Execution. Then was the General the Earl of *Lindſey*, in the head of his Regiment, being on Foot, ſhot in the Thigh; with which he fell, and was preſently encompass'd with the Enemy; and his Son, the Lord *Willoughby*, piously endeavouring the Reſcue of his Father, taken Priſoner with him. Then was the Standard taken (*Sr Edmund Verney*, who bore it, being kill'd) but Reſcued again by Captain *John Smith*, an Officer of the Lord *Grandiſon*'s Regiment of Horſe; and by him brought off. And if thoſe Horſe had beſtirr'd themſelves, they might with little difficulty have deſtroy'd, or taken Priſoner the King Himſelf, and his two Sons, the Prince of *Wales* and the Duke of *York*, being with fewer than one hundred Horſe, and thoſe without Officer or Command, within half Muſquet ſhot of that Body, before he ſuſpected them to be Enemies.

WHEN Prince *Rupert* return'd from the Chafe, he found this great alteration in the Field, and his Maſteſty himſelf with few Noblemen, and a ſmall Retinue about him, and the hope of ſo Glorious a Day quite vaniſh'd. For though moſt of the Officers of Horſe were return'd, and that part of the Field cover'd again with the looſe Troops, yet they could not be perſwaded, or drawn to charge either the Enemies Reſerve of Horſe, which alone kept the Field, or the Body of their Foot, which only kept their ground. The Officers pretending, "That their Soldiers were ſo diſperſed, that there were not ten of any Troop together; and the Soldiers,

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“that their Horses were so tired, that they could not charge. But the truth is, where many Soldiers of one Troop or Regiment were rallied together, there the Officers were wanting; and where the Officers were ready, there the Soldiers were not together; and neither Officers, nor Soldiers desired to move without those who properly belonged to them. Things had now so ill an aspect, that many were of an opinion, that the King should leave the Field, though it was not easy to advise whither he should have gone; which if he had done, he had left an absolute Victory to those, who even at this time thought themselves overcome. But the King was positive against this advice, well knowing, that as that Army was raised by his Person and Presence only, so it could by no other means be kept together; and he thought it Unprincipally, to forsake Them who had forsaken all they had to serve him: besides, he observ'd the other side looked not as if they thought themselves Conquerors; for that Reserve, which did so much mischief before, since the return of his Horse, betook themselves to a fixt station between their Foot, which at best could but be thought to stand their ground, which two Brigades of the King's did with equal Courage, and gave equal Vollies; and therefore he try'd all possible ways to get the Horse to charge again; easily discerning, by some little attempts which were made, what a notable impression a brisk one would have made upon the Enemy. And when he saw it was not to be done, he was content with their only standing still. Without doubt, if either Party had known the Constitution of the other, they had not parted so fairly; and, very probably, which soever had made a bold offer, had compass'd his end upon his Enemy. This made many believe, though the Horse vaunted themselves aloud to have done their part, that the good Fortune of the first part of the day, which well managed would have secured the rest, was to be imputed rather to the Enemy's want of Courage, than to their own Virtue (which after so great a Victory, could not so soon have forsaken them) and to the suddain and unexpected revolt of *Sr Faithful Fortescue* with a whole Troop, no doubt much to the consternation of those he left; though they had not so good Fortune as they deserv'd; for by the negligence of not throwing away their Orange Tawny Scarfs, which they all wore as the Earl of *Essex's* Colours, and being immediately engaged in the charge, many of them, not fewer than seventeen or eighteen, were suddainly kill'd by those to whom they joyn'd themselves.

IN this doubt of all sides, the Night, the Common Friend to weary'd and dismay'd Armies, parted them; and then the King caused his Cannon, which were nearest the Enemies, to

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be drawn off; and with his whole Forces himself spent the Night in the Field, by such a fire as could be made of the little wood, and bushes which grew thereabouts, unresolv'd what to do the next Morning; many reporting, "That the Enemy was gone; but when the Day appear'd, the contrary was discover'd: for then they were seen standing in the same posture and place in which they fought, from whence the Earl of Essex, wisely, never suffer'd them to stir all that Night; presuming reasonably, that if they were drawn off never so little from that place, their Numbers would lessen, and that many would run away; and therefore he caused all manner of Provisions, with which the Country supplied him plentifully, to be brought thither to them for their refreshment, and repos'd himself with them in the place; besides, that Night he receiv'd a great addition of strength, not only by Rallying those Horse, and Foot: which had run out of the Field in the Battle, but by the arrival of Colonel *Hambden*, and Colonel *Grantham*, with two thousand fresh Foot (which were reckon'd among the best of the Army) and five hundred Horse, which march'd a Day behind the Army for the Guard of their Ammunition, and a great part of their Train, not supposing there would have been any Action that would have requir'd their presence. All the advantage this seasonable Recruit brought them; was to give their old Men so much Courage as to keep the Field, which it was otherwise believ'd, they would hardly have been perswaded to have done. In the other Army, after a very cold Night spent in the Field, without any refreshment of Victual, or Provision for the Soldiers (for the Country was so disaffected, that it not only not sent in Provisions, but Soldiers, who straggled into the Villages for relief, were knocked in the head by the Common People.) The King found his Troops very thin; for though by Conference with the Officers, he might reasonably conclude, that there were not many slain in the Battle, yet a third part of his Foot were not upon the place, and of the Horse many missing; and they that were in the Field were so tired with Duty, and weaken'd with want of Meat; and shrunk up with the cruel Cold of the Night (for it was a terrible Frost, and there was no shelter of either Tree or Hedge) that though they had reason to believe, by the standing still of the Enemy, whilst a small Party of the King's Horse, in the morning, took away four Pieces of their Cannon very near them, that any offer towards a charge, or but marching towards them, would have made a notable impression in them, yet there was so visible an averseness from it in most Officers as well as Soldiers, that the King thought not fit to make the attempt; but contented himself to keep his
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Men in Order, the Body of Horse facing the Enemy upon the Field where they had fought.

TOWARDS Noon the King Resolv'd to try that expedient, which was prepared for the day before; and sent *St William le Neve* Clarencieux King at Arms, to the Enemy, with his Proclamation of Pardon to such as would lay down Arms; believing though he expected then little benefit by the Proclamation, that he should, by that means, receive some advertisement of the condition of the Army, and what Prisoners they had taken (for many Persons of Command and Quality were wanting) giving him order likewise to desire to speak with the Earl of *Lindsey*, who was known to be in their hands. Before *St William* came to the Army, he was receiv'd by the out Guards, and Conducted, with strictness (that he might say, or publish nothing among the Soldiers) to the Earl of *Essex*; who, when he offer'd to read the Proclamation aloud, and to deliver the effect of it, that he might be heard by those who were present, rebuked him, with some roughness, and charged him, "As he lov'd his life, not to presume to speak a word to the Soldiers; and after some few questions, sent him presently back well guarded through the Army, without any answer at all. At his return he had so great and feeling a sense of the danger he had passed, that he made little Observation of the Posture or Numbers of the Enemy. Only he seem'd to have seen, or apprehended so much trouble and disorder in the faces of the Earl of *Essex*, and the principal Officers about him, and so much dejection in the Common Soldiers, that they looked like Men who had no farther Ambition, than to keep what they had left. He brought word of the death of the Earl of *Lindsey*; who, being carried out of the Field a Prisoner, into a Barn of the next Village, for want of a Surgeon, and such Accommodations as were necessary, within few hours died with the loss of blood, his wound not being otherwise Mortal or dangerous. This was imputed to the Inhumanity of the Earl of *Essex*, as if he had purposely neglected, or inhibited the performing any necessary Offices to him, out of the Insolence of his Nature, and in Revenge of some former unkindnesses, which had pass'd between them. But, I presume, it may be with more justice attributed to the hurry, and distraction of that season, when, being so unsecure of their Friends, they had no thoughts vacant for their Enemies. For it is not to be deny'd at the time when the Earl of *Lindsey* was taken Prisoner, the Earl of *Essex* thought himself in more danger; and among his faults, want of Civility and Courtesy was none.

THE Number of the slain, by the Testimony of the Ministers, and others of the next Parish, who took care of the Burying

Burying of the Dead, and which was the only Computation that could be made, amounted to above five thousand; whereof two parts were conceiv'd to be of those of the Parliament Party, and not above a third part of the King's. Indeed the loss of both sides was so great, and so little of Triumph appear'd in either, that the Victory could scarce be imputed to the One or the Other. Yet the King's keeping the Field, and having the Spoil of it, by which many Persons of Quality, who had lain wounded in the Field were preserv'd, his pursuing afterwards the same design he had when he was diverted to the Battle, and succeeding in it (which shall be touch'd anon) were greater Ensigns of Victory on that side, than taking the General Prisoner, and the taking the Standard, which was likewise recover'd, were on the Other. Of the King's the principal Persons, who were lost, were the Earl of *Lindsey*, General of the Army, the Lord *Stewart*, Lord *Aubigny* Son to the Duke of *Lenox*, and Brother to the then Duke of *Richmond* and *Lenox*, *Sr Edmund Verney*, Knight Marshal of the King's Horse, and Standard Bearer, and some others of less Name, though of great Virtue, and good Quality.

*A Character
of the Earl
of Lindsey,
the King's
General.*

THE Earl of *Lindsey* was a Man of very noble Extraction, and Inherited a great Fortune from his Ancestors; which though he did not manage with so great care, as if he desired much to improve, yet he left it in a very fair Condition to his Family, which more intended the encrease of it. He was a Man of great Honour, and spent his Youth and Vigour of his Age in Military Actions and Commands abroad: and albeit he indulged to himself great liberties of Life, yet he still preserv'd a very good Reputation with all Men, and a very great Interest in his Country, as appear'd by the Supplies he, and his Son, brought to the King's Army; the several Companies of his own Regiment of Foot, being Commanded by the principal Knights and Gentlemen of *Lincoln-shire*, who engaged themselves in the Service principally out of their Personal Affection to Him. He was of a very generous Nature, and punctual in what he undertook, and in exacting what was due to him; which made him bear that restriction so heavily, which was put upon him by the Commission granted to Prince *Rupert*, and by the King's preferring the Prince's Opinion, in all matters relating to the War, before His. Nor did he conceal his Resentment: the day before the Battle, he said to some Friends, with whom he had used freedom, "That he did not look upon himself as General; and therefore he was resolv'd, when the day of Battle should come, that he would be in the head of his Regiment as a private Colonel, where he would dye. He was carried out of the Field

Field to the next Village, and if he could then have procured Surgeons, it was thought his wound would not have proved mortal. And as soon as the other Army was compos'd by the coming on of the Night, the Earl of *Essex*, about midnight, sent *Sr William Balfour*, and some other Officers to see him, and to offer him all offices, and meant himself to have visited him. They found him upon a little straw in a poor House, where they had laid him in his Blood, which had run from him in great abundance, no Surgeon having been yet with him, only he had great vivacity in his looks; and told them, "He was sorry to see so many Gentlemen, some whereof were his old Friends, engaged in so foul a Rebellion; and principally directed his discourse to *Sr William Balfour*, whom he put in mind of "The great obligations he had to the King; how much his Majesty had disobligh'd the whole *English* Nation by putting him into the Command of the Tower; and that it was the most odious ingratitude in Him to make him that return. He wish'd them to tell my Lord *Essex*, "That he ought to cast himself at the King's feet to beg his pardon, which if he did not speedily do, his Memory would be odious to the Nation; and continued this kind of discourse with so much vehemence, that the Officers by degrees withdrew themselves, and prevented the Visit the Earl of *Essex* intended him, who only sent the best Surgeons to him; but in the very opening of his wounds he dyed before the morning, only upon the loss of Blood. He had very many Friends, and very few Enemies; and died generally lamented.

THE Lord *Aubigny* was a Gentleman of great hopes, of a gentle and winning disposition, and of very clear Courage: he was kill'd in the first charge with the Horse; where, there being so little resistance, gave occasion to suspect that it was done by his own Lieutenant, who was a *Dutch*-man, and had not been so punctual in his duty, but that he receiv'd some reprehension from his Captain, which he murmur'd at. His Body was brought off, and buried at *Christ-Church* in *Oxford*; his two younger Brothers, the Lord *John* and the Lord *Bernard Stewart*, were in the same Battle, and were afterwards both kill'd in the War, and his only Son is now Duke of *Richmond*. *Sr Edmund Verney* hath been mention'd before; he was a Person of great Honour and Courage, and lost his Life in that charge, when *Balfour*, with that Reserve of Horse, which had been so long undiscern'd, broke into those Regiments; but his body was not found.

ON the Parliament Party that perished, the Lord *Saint-John* of *Bletnezo*, and *Charles Essex*, were of the best Quality. The last had been bred up a Page under the Earl of *Essex*, who afterwards, at his charge, preferr'd him to a Command

mand in *Holland*; where he liv'd with very good reputation, and preserv'd the credit of his decay'd Family: and as soon as the Earl unfortunately accepted this Command, he thought his gratitude obliged him to run the fortune of his Patron, and out of pure kindness to the Person of the Earl, as many other Gentlemen did, engaged himself against the King without any Malice or Rebellion in his heart towards the Crown. He had the Command of a Regiment of Foot, and was esteem'd the best and most expert Officer of the Army, and was kill'd by a Musquet shot in the beginning of the Battle. The Lord *Saint John* was eldest Son to the Earl of *Bullingbrooke*, and got himself so well belov'd by the reputation of his Courtesy and Civility, which he express'd towards all Men, that though his parts of understanding were very ordinary at best, and his course of life licentious and very much depraved, he got credit enough, by engaging the principal Gentlemen of *Bedfordshire* and *Hertfordshire* to be bound for him, to contract a debt of fifty or threescore thousand pounds; for the payment whereof the fortune of the Family was not engaged, nor in his power to engage. So that the clamour of his debts growing importunate, some years before the Rebellion, he left the Kingdom and fled into *France*; leaving his vast debt to be paid by his Sureties, to the utter ruin of many Families, and the notable impairing of others. In the beginning of the Parliament, the King was prevailed with to call him to the House of Peers, his Father being then alive, upon an assurance, "That by his presence and liberty, which could by no other way be secured, means would be found out to pay his debts, and free so many worthy Persons from their engagements: Besides that the times being like to be troublesome, the King might be sure of a faithful Servant, who would always advance his service in that House. But the King had very ill fortune in conferring those graces, nor was his service more passionately, and insolently opposed by any Men in that House, than by those, who upon those professions were advanced by him from the condition of Commoners. And this Gentleman, from the first hour of his sitting in that House by the King's so extraordinary grace, was never known to concur in any one Vore for the King's Service, that receiv'd any opposition: and, as soon as it was in his power, he receiv'd a Commission with the first to Command a Troop of Horse against him, in which he behaved himself so ill, that he receiv'd some wounds in running away; and being taken Prisoner died before the next morning, without any other signs of repentance, than the canting words, "That he did not intend to be against the King, but wish'd him all happiness: so great an influence the first seeds of his birth had upon his Nature, that
how

how long soever they were conceal'd, and seem'd even buried in a very different breeding and conversation, they sprung up, and bore the same fruit upon the first occasion. And it was an observation of that time, that the Men of most licentious lives, who appear'd to be without any sense of Religion, or reverence to virtue, and the most unrestrain'd by any obligations of conscience, betook themselves to that Party, and pretended an impulse of Religion out of fear of Popery; and on the other side, very many Persons of Quality, both of the Clergy and Laity, who had suffer'd under the imputation of Puritanism, and did very much dislike the proceedings of the Court, and opposed them upon all occasions, were yet so much scandalized at the very approaches to Rebellion, that they renounced all their old Friends, and applied themselves with great Resolution, Courage, and Constancy to the King's Service, and continued in it to the end, with all the disadvantages it was liable to.

PRISONERS taken by the Enemy were, the Lord *Willoughby*, hastily and piously endeavouring the rescue of his Father; *Sr Thomas Lamford*, and *Sr Edward Stradling*, both Colonels; and *Sr William Vavasour*; who commanded the King's Regiment of Guards under the Lord *Willoughby*; and some other inferior Commanders. There were hurt, *Sr Jacob Astley*, and *Sr Nicholas Byron*, and more dangerously Colonel *Charles Gerrard*, who, being shot in the thigh, was brought off the field without any hopes of life, but recover'd to act a great part afterwards in the War; *Sr George Strade*, and some other Gentlemen who serv'd among the Foot; for of the Horse there was not an Officer of Name, who receiv'd a Wound, the Lord *Asbiquy* only excepted; so little resistance did that part of the Enemy make. Of the Rebels there were slain, besides the Lord *Saint-John*, Colonel *Charles Essex*, the Soldier of whom they had the best opinion, and who had always, till this last Action, preserved a good reputation in the world, which was now the Work, over and above the Guilt of Rebellion, by his having sworn to the Queen of *Bohemia*, by whose intercession he procured leave from the Prince of *Orange* to go into *England*; "That he would never serve against the King: And many other of obscure Names, though Officers of good Command. There were a good Number of their Officers, especially of Horse, taken Prisoners, but (save that some of them were Parliament Men) of mean Quality in the world, except only, *Sr William Essex* the Father of the Colonel, whose wants, from having wasted a very great Fortune, and his Son's invitation, led him into that Company; where he was a private Captain of his Regiment.

When the Armies had thus only look'd one upon another,
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the whole day, and it being discern'd that the Enemy had drawn off his Carriages, the King directed all his Army to retire into their old Quarters, presuming (as it prov'd) that many of those who were wanting would be found there. And so himself with his two Sons went to *Edgemoor*, where he lay the night before the Battle, resolving to rest the next day, both for the refreshing his wearied, and even tired Men, and to be inform'd of the motion and condition of the Enemy, upon which some Troops of the King's Horse attended. The Earl of *Essex* retired with His to *Warwick* Castle, whither he had sent all his Prisoners; so that, on the *Tuesday* morning, the King was inform'd, that the Enemy was gone, and that some of his Horse had attended the rear of the Enemy almost to *Warwick*, and that they had left many of their Carriages, and very many of their wounded Soldiers at the Village next to the Field; by which it appear'd that their remove was in haste, and not without apprehension.

AFTER the Horse had march'd almost to *Warwick*, and found the Coast clear from the Enemy, they return'd to the Field to view the dead Bodies, many going to enquire after their Friends who were missing, where they found many not yet dead of their wounds, but lying stripp'd among the dead; among whom, with others, young *Mr. Scroop* brought off his Father, *Sr. Gervas Scroop*; who, being an old Gentleman of great fortune in *Lincolnshire*, had raised a Foot Company among his Tenants, and brought them in to the Earl of *Lindsey's* Regiment; out of devotion and respect to his Lordship, as well as duty to the King; and had, about the time that the General was taken, fall'n with sixteen wounds in his body and head; and had lain stripp'd among the dead, from that time, which was about three in the afternoon on *Sunday*, all that cold night, all *Monday*, and *Monday* night, and till *Tuesday* evening, for it was so late before his Son found him; whom with great piety he carried to a warm Lodging, and afterwards to *Oxford*, where he wonderfully recover'd. The next morning after, being *Wednesday*, there was another Gentleman one *Bellingham*, of an ancient extraction, and the only Son of his Father, found among the dead, and brought off by his Friends, with twenty wounds; who, after ten days, died at *Oxford*, by the negligence of his Surgeons, who left a wound in his thigh, of it self not dangerous, undiscern'd, and so by festering destroy'd a body very hopefully recover'd of those which were only thought Mortal. The Surgeons were of opinion, that both these Gentlemen owed their lives to the inhumanity of those who stripp'd them, and to the coldness of the nights, which stopp'd their blood, better than all their skill, and Medicaments could have done, and that if they had been brought

brought off within any reasonable distance of time after their wounds, they had undoubtedly perished.

ON *Wednesday* Morning, the King drew his Army to a Rendezvous, where he found his Numbers greater than he expected; for, in the night after the Battle, very many of the Common Soldiers out of cold, and hunger, had found their old Quarters. So that it was really believ'd upon this view, when this little rest had recover'd a strange chearfulness into all Men, that there were not in that Battle lost above three hundred Men at most. There the King declar'd General *Rothem* General of his Army in the place of the Earl of *Lindsey*; and then marched to *Ayns*, a little Village two Miles distant from *Banbury*, of which his Majesty that day took a View, and meant to attempt it the next day following. There was at that time in *Banbury* Castle a Regiment of eight hundred Foot, and a Troop of Horse, which, with Spirits proportionable, had been enough to have kept so strong a place from an Army better prepar'd to have assaulted it, than the King's then was, and at a season of the year more commodious for a Siege. And therefore many were of opinion, that the King should have march'd by it, without taking notice of it, and that the engaging before it, might prove very prejudicial to him. That which prevail'd with him to stay there, besides the Courage of his Soldiers, who had again recover'd their appetite to Action, was, that he could not well resolve whither to go; for till he was inform'd what the Earl of *Essex* did, he knew not how to direct his march; and if the Enemy advanced upon him, he could not Fight in a place of more advantage. And therefore, having sent a Trumpet to summon the Castle, and having first taken the Lord *Sey's* House at *Broughton*, where there was some shew of resistance, and in it a Troop of Horse, and some good Arms, the Canon were planted against the Castle, and the Army drawn out before it; but, upon the first shot made, the Castle sent to treat, and upon leave to go away without their Arms, they fairly and kindly deliver'd the place; and half the Common Soldiers at the least readily took Conditions, and put themselves into the King's Army, the rest of the Arms came very seasonably to supply many Soldiers of every Regiment, who either never had any before, or had lost them in the Battle.

*Banbury
Castle sur-
render'd to
the King.*

THIS last success declared where the Victory was before at *Edge-hill*; for though the routing of their Horse, the having kill'd more upon the place, and taken more Prisoners, the number of the Colours won from the Enemy (which were near forty in number) without the loss of above three or four, and lastly the taking four pieces of their Cannon the next morning after the Battle, were so many Arguments that the

Victory inclined to the King: On the other side, the loss of the General himself, and so many Men of Name either kill'd or taken Prisoners, who were generally known over the Kingdom (whereas, besides the Lord *Saint-John*, and Colonel *Essex*, the names of the rest of that Party were so obscure, that neither the one side seem'd to be gainers by having taken or kill'd them, nor the other side to be losers by being without them) the having kept the Field last, were sufficient testimonies at the least that they were not overcome. But now the taking of *Banbury*, which was the more signal, by the circumstances of that part of the Armies being, before the Battle, design'd for that Service, then recall'd to the Field, and after that Field fought, and the Retreat of the Enemy, the re-advancing upon it, and taking it, was so undeniable an Argument that the Earl of *Essex* was more broken and scatter'd than at first he appear'd to be, that the King's Army was look'd upon as Victorious. A Garrison was put into *Banbury*, and the Command thereof committed to the Earl of *Northampton*, and then the King march'd to his own House at *Woodstock*; and the next day with the whole Army to *Oxford*, which was the only City of *England* that he could say was entirely at his devotion; where he was receiv'd by the University, to whom the Integrity and Fidelity of that Place is to be imputed, with all joy and acclamation.

The condition of the Earl of Essex's Army after the fight.

THE Earl of *Essex* continued still at *Warwick*, repairing his broken Regiments and Troops, which every day lessen'd and impair'd; for the number of his slain Men was greater than it was reported to be, there being very many kill'd in the Chase, and many who died of their wounds after they were carried off; and, of those, who run away in the beginning, more staid away than return'd; and which was more, they who run farthest and fastest told such lamentable Stories of the defeat, and many of them shew'd such hurts, that the terror thereof was even ready to make the People revolt to their Allegiance in all places. Many of those who had stood their ground, and behav'd themselves well in the Battle, either with remorse of Conscience, horror of what they had done, and fear, or weariness of the Duty and Danger, withdrew themselves from their Colours, and some from their Commands. And it is certain many engaged themselves first in that Service, out of an opinion, that an Army would procure a Peace without Fighting; others out of a desire to serve the King, and resolving to go away themselves, and to carry others with them, as soon as they should find themselves within a secure distance to do it; both these being, contrary to their expectation, brought to Fight, the latter not knowing how to get to the King's Army in the Battle, discharged themselves of the Service as soon as

as they came to *Warwick*; some with leave, and some without. But that which no doubt most troubled his Excellency, was the Temper and Constitutions of his new Masters; who, he knew, expected no less from him than a Victory complete, by his bringing the Person of the King alive or dead to them; and would consider what was now fallen out, as it was so much less than they look'd for, not as it was more than any body else could have done for them. However, he gave them a glorious account of what had passed, and made as if his stay at *Warwick* were rather to receive new Orders and Commands from them, than out of any weakness or inability to pursue the old, and that he attended the King's motion as well as if he had been within seven Miles of him.

It is certain the consternation was very great at *London*, and in the two Houses, from the time that they heard, that the King march'd from *Stowbury* with a form'd Army, and that he was resolv'd to Fight, as soon as he could meet with Them. However, they endeavour'd to keep up confidently the ridiculous opinion among the Common People, that the King did not Command, but was carried about in that Army of the Cavaliers, and was desirous to escape from them; which they hoped the Earl of *Essex* would give Him opportunity to do. The first news they heard of the Armies being engaged, was by those who fled upon the first Charge; who made marvellous haste from the place of danger, and thought not themselves safe, till they were gotten out of any possible distance of being pursued. It is certain, though it was past two of the Clock before the Battle began, many of the Soldiers, and some Commanders of no mean Name, were at *St Albans*, which was near thirty Miles from the Field, before it was dark. These Men, as all Runaways do for their own excuse, reported all for lost, and the King's Army to be so terrible, that it could not be encounter'd. Some of them, that they might not be thought to come away before there was cause, or whilst there was any hope, reported the progress of the Battle, and presented all those lamentable things, and the circumstances by which every part of the Army was defeated, which their terrified fancies had suggested to them whilst they run away; some had seen the Earl of *Essex* slain, and heard his dying words; "That every one should shift for himself, for all resistance was to no purpose: So that the whole City was, the *Monday*, full of the defeat; and though there was an Express, from the Earl of *Essex* himself, of the contrary, there was not Courage enough left to believe it, and every hour produced somewhat to contradict the reports of the last. *Monday* in the afternoon, the Earl of *Holland* produced a Letter in the House of Peers, which was written the

night before by the Earl of *Essex*, in which all particulars of the day were set down, and “ The impresson which had in the “ beginning been made upon his Horse, but that the conclusion was prosperous. Whilst this was reading, and every Man greedily digested the good news, the Lord *Hastings*, who had a Command of Horse in the Service, enter’d the House with frighted and ghastly looks, and positively declar’d “ all to be lost, against whatsoever they believ’d or flatter’d “ themselves with. And though it was evident enough that he had run away from the beginning, and only lost his way thither, most Men look’d upon him as the last Messenger, and even shut their Ears against any possible comfort ; so that without doubt very many, in the horror and consternation of eight and forty hours, paid and underwent a full penance and mortification for the hopes, and insolence of three Months before. At the last, on *Wednesday* morning, the Lord *Wharton*, and M^r *William Strode*, the one a Member of the House of Lords, the other of the Commons, arriv’d from the Army, and made so full a relation of the Battle, “ Of the great Numbers slain on “ the King’s part, without any considerable loss on their side, “ of the miserable and weak Condition the King’s Army was “ in, and of the Earl of *Essex*’s Resolution to pursue him, That they were not now content to be Savers, but Voted, “ That “ their Army had the Victory ; and appointed a day for a Solemn Thanksgiving to God for the same ; and that so great a Joy might not be enjoy’d only within those Walls, they appointed those two truty Messengers to communicate the whole relation with all circumstances to the City ; which was conven’d together at the *Guild-Hall* to receive the same. But by this time, so many Persons, who were present at the Action, came to the Town of both sides (for there was yet a free intercourse with all Quarters) and some discourses were publish’d how little either of these two Messengers had seen themselves of that days business, that the City seem’d not so much exalted at their Relations, as the Houses had been ; the King’s taking *Banbury*, and marching afterwards to *Oxford*, and the reports from those parts of his Power, with the Earl of *Essex*’s lying still at *Warwick*, gave great Argument of discourse ; which grew the greater by the commitment of several Persons, for reporting “ That the King had the better of the Field ; which Men thought would not have been, if the success had been contrary ; and therefore there was nothing so generally spoken of, or wish’d for, as Peace.

THEY who were really well affected to the King, and from the beginning opposed all the extravagances, for of such there were many in both Houses, who could not yet find in their Hearts to leave the Company, spake now aloud “ That an “ humble

"humble Address to the King for the removal of all misunderstandings, was both in Duty necessary, and in Policy convenient. The half-hearted, and half witted People, which made much the Major part of both Houses, plainly discern'd there must be a War, and that the King at least would be able to make resistance, which they had been promised he could not do, and so were equally passionate to make any Overtures for Accommodation. They only who had contriv'd the mischief, and already had digested a full change and alteration of Government, and knew well, that all their Arts would be discover'd, and their Persons odious, though they might be secured, violently opposed all motions of this kind. These Men press'd earnestly "To send an Express to their Brethren of *Scotland*, to invite, and conjure them to come to their Assistance, and to leave no way unthought of, for suppressing, and totally destroying all those who had presum'd "to side with the King. This overture of calling the *Scots* in again was as Unpopular a thing, as could be mention'd; besides that it implied a great and absolute diffidence in their own strength, and an acknowledgment that the People of *England* stood not so generally affected to their desires, which they had hitherto publish'd, and urged, as the best Argument to justify those desires. Therefore the wise Managers of that Party, by whose conduct they had been principally govern'd, seem'd fully to concur with those who desir'd Peace, "And "to send an humble Address to the King, which they confessed to be due from them as Subjects, and the only way "to procure happiness for the Kingdom. And having hereby render'd themselves gracious, and gained credit, they advised them "So to endeavour Peace, that they might not be disappointed of it, and wish'd them "To consider that the "King's Party were high upon the success of having an Army "(of which they had reasonably before despair'd) though "not upon any thing that Army had yet done. That it "was apparent, the King had Ministers stirring for him in "the North, and in the West, though hitherto with little effect; and therefore if they should make such an Application for Peace, as might imply the giving over the thoughts "of War, they must expect such a Peace, as the mercy of "those whom they had provoked would consent to. But if "they would steddily pursue those Counsels as would make "their strength formidable, they might then expect such moderate Conditions, as they might, with their Own, and the "Kingdom's Safety, securely submit to. That therefore the "Proposition of sending into *Scotland* was very seasonable; "not that it could be hoped, or was desir'd, that they should "bring an Army into *England* of which there was not like

“to be any need; but that That Kingdom might make such a
 “declaration of their Affections, and readiness to assist the
 “Parliament, that the King might look upon them with the
 “more consideration, as a Body not easily to be oppress’d, if
 “he should insist upon too high Conditions.

By this Artifice, whilst they who press’d a Treaty thought,
 that That being once consented to, a Peace would inevitably
 be concluded, the same day that a Committee was appointed
 “To prepare heads of an humble Address unto his Majesty,
 “for composing the present Differences, and Distractions, and
 “settling the Peace of the Kingdom (which was a great con-
 “fession) they made no scruple to declare “That the pre-
 “parations of Forces, and all other necessary means for de-
 “fence, should be prosecuted with all Vigour; and there-
 upon requir’d “All those Officers and Soldiers, who had left
 “their General, of which the Town was then full, upon
 “pain of Death, to return to him; and for his better recruit,
 solemnly declar’d, “That in such times of Common danger
 “and necessity, the Interest of Private Persons, ought to give
 “way to the Publick; and therefore they ordain’d, that such
 “Apprentices, as would be Lifted to serve as Soldiers for the
 “defence of the Kingdom, the Parliament, and City (with
 “their other usual expressions of Religion, and the King’s
 “Person) their Sureties, and such as stood engag’d for them,
 “should be secured against their Masters; and that their Ma-
 “sters should receive them again at the end of their Service,
 “without imputing any loss of time to them, but the same
 “should be reckon’d as well spent, according to their Inden-
 “tures, as if they had been still in their Shops. And by this
 means many Children were engag’d in that Service, not only
 against the Consent, but against the Persons of their Fathers,
 and the Earl receiv’d a notable supply thereby.

*Apprentices
 invited by
 the Parlia-
 ment to take
 Arms.*

THEN, in return for their Consent that a formal and per-
 functory Message should be sent to his Majesty, thereby
 they thought a Treaty would be enter’d upon, they procur’d
 at the same time, and as an Expedient for Peace, this mate-
 rial and full Declaration of both Houses to the Subjects of
Scotland, which they caus’d with all expedition to be sent into
 that Kingdom.

*The two
 Houses De-
 claration to
 the Subjects
 of Scotland.*

“WE the Lords and Commons, assembled in the Parlia-
 “ment of *England*, considering with what Wisdom and Pub-
 “lick Affection, Our Brethren of the Kingdom of *Scotland*
 “did concur with the endeavours of this Parliament, and the
 “desires of the whole Kingdom in procuring, and establish-
 “ing a firm Peace and Amity between the two Nations, and
 “how lovingly they have since invited Us to a nearer, and
 “higher

“higher degree of Union in matters concerning Religion,
“and Church Government, which We have most willingly
“and affectionately embraced, and intend to pursue, cannot
“doubt but they will, with as much forwardness and affe-
“ction, concur with Us in settling Peace in this Kingdom,
“and preserving it in their Own; that so We may mutually
“reap the benefit of that Amity and Alliance, so happily
“made, and strongly confirm’d betwixt the two Nations.
“Wherefore, as We did about a year since, in the first ap-
“pearance of Trouble then beginning among them, actually
“declare, that in our sense and apprehension of the National
“Alliance betwixt Us, We were thereby bound to apply the
“Authority of Parliament, and Power of this Kingdom to the
“preservation, and maintenance of their Peace: And, see-
“ing now that the Troubles of this Kingdom are grown to a
“greater height, and the subtle practices of the Common En-
“emies of the Religion, and Liberty of both Nations, do ap-
“pear with more evident strength, and danger than they
“did at that time, We hold it necessary to declare, that, in
“Our Judgment, the same obligation lies upon Our Brethren,
“by the aforementioned Act, with the power and force of
“that Kingdom, to assist Us in repressing those among Us,
“who are now in Arms, and make War, not only without
“consent of Parliament, but even against the Parliament, and
“for the destruction thereof.

“WHEREFORE We have thought good to make known
“unto Our Brethren, that his Majesty hath given Commission
“to divers eminent and known Papists, to raise Forces, and
“to compose an Army in the North, and other parts of this
“Kingdom, which is to joyn with divers Forreign Forces,
“intended to be Transported from beyond the Seas, for the
“destruction of this Parliament, and of the Religion, and Li-
“berty of the Kingdom: and that the principal part of the
“Clergy and their Adherents, have likewise invited his Ma-
“jesty to raise another Army, which in his own Person, he
“doth conduct against the Parliament, and the City of Lon-
“don, Plundering and Robbing sundry well affected Towns
“within their power; and in prosecution of their Malice, they
“were so presumptuous, and predominant of his Majesty’s
“Resolutions, that they forbear not those Outrages in places
“to which his Majesty hath given his Royal Word and Pro-
“tection; a great cause and incentive of which Malice, pro-
“ceeds from the design they have to hinder the Reforma-
“tion of Ecclesiastical Government in this Kingdom, so
“much longed for by all the true Lovers of the Protestant
“Religion.

“AND hereupon We farther desire Our Brethren of the
“Nation

"Nation of *Scotland*, to raise such Forces as they shall think
 "sufficient for securing the Peace of their own Borders, against
 "the ill affected Persons there, and likewise to assist Us in sup-
 "pressing the Army of Papists, and Forreigners; which, as
 "We expect, will shortly be on foot here, and if they be not
 "timely prevented, may prove as mischievous, and destructive
 "to that Kingdom, as to our selves. And though We seek
 "nothing from his Majesty that may diminish his just Autho-
 "rity, or Honour, and have by many humble Petitions, en-
 "deavour'd to put an end to this unnatural War and Com-
 "bustion in the Kingdom, and to procure his Majesty's Pro-
 "tection, and Security for our Religion, Liberty, and Per-
 "sons (according to that great Trust which this Majesty is
 "bound to by the Laws of the Land) and shall still continue
 "to renew our Petitions in that kind; yet, to our great grief,
 "We see the Papistical and Malignant Council so prevalent
 "with his Majesty, and his Person so engaged to their power,
 "that We have little hope of better success of our Petitions
 "than We formerly had; and are thereby necessitated to
 "stand upon our just Defence, and to seek this speedy and
 "powerful Assistance of our Brethren of *Scotland*, accord-
 "ing to that Act agreed upon in the Parliament of both King-
 "doms, the Common Duty of Christianity, and the particu-
 "lar Interests of their own Kingdom: To which We hope
 "God will give such a blessing, that it may produce the pre-
 "servation of Religion, the Honour, Safety, and Peace of his
 "Majesty, and all his Subjects, and a more strict conjunction
 "of the Counsels, Designs, and Endeavours of both Nations,
 "for the comfort and relief of the Reform'd Churches be-
 "yond Sea.

The condi-
 tion, and in-
 clinations of
 the King-
 dom of
 Scotland at
 that time.

IT will not be here unreasonable to take some short Sur-
 vey of the Affections and Inclinations of *Scotland*; the or-
 dering and well disposing whereof, either side sufficiently un-
 derstood, would be of moment, and extraordinary importance
 in the growing Contention. From the time of the King's
 being last there, when he had so fully comply'd with all they
 had desir'd, both for the publick Government, and their pri-
 vate Advancements, that Kingdom within it self enjoyed as
 much Quiet and Tranquility as they could desire; having the
 convenience of disburdening themselves of their late Army in-
 to *Ireland*, whither their old General *Leslie*, then made Earl of
Leven, was employ'd in his full Command by the King and the
 two Houses, at the charge of *England*. So that many believ'd
 they had been so abundantly satisfied with what they had
 already gotten from *England*, that they had no farther pro-
 jects upon this Kingdom, but meant to make their Fortunes
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by a new Conquest in *Ireland*, where they had a very great part of the Province of *Ulster* planted by their own Nation. So that, according to their rules of good Husbandry, they might expect whatsoever they got from the Rebels to keep for themselves. And the King himself was so confident that the Affections of that People could not be so corrupted towards him, as to make a farther attempt upon him, that he believ'd them, to a degree, sensible of their former breach of Duty, and willing to repair it by any Service. *Leslie* himself had made great acknowledgments, and great professions to him, and had told him, "That it was nothing to promise him, that he would never more bear Arms against him," but he promised he would serve his Majesty upon any Summons without asking the cause. The Earl of *London*, and all the rest, who had misled the People, were possess'd of whatsoever they could desire, and the future Fortune of That Nation seem'd to depend wholly upon the keeping up the King's full Power in This.

HIS Majesty had, from time to time, given his Council of that Kingdom full relations of all his differences with his Parliament, and had carefully sent them the Declarations, and publick Passages of both sides, and they had always return'd very ample expressions of their Affections and Duty, and express'd a great sense of the Parliaments proceedings towards him. And since the time of his being at *Tork*, the Lord Chancellor of *Scotland*, in whose Integrity and Loyalty he was least secure, had been with him; and seem'd so well satisfied with the Justice and Honour of his Majesty's carriage towards the Parliament, that he writ to the *Scotish* Commissioners at *London*, in the name, and as by the direction of the Lords of the Secret Council of that Kingdom, "That they should present to the two Houses the deep sense they had of the Injuries and Indignities, which were offer'd to the King, whose just Rights they were bound to defend; and that they should conjure them, to bind up those wounds which were made, and not to widen them by sharpness of Language; and to give his Majesty such real security for his Safety among them, by an effectual declaring against Tumults, and such other Actions as were justly offensive to his Majesty, that he might be induced to reside nearer to them, and comply with them in such Propositions as should be reasonably made; with many such expressions, as together with his return into *Scotland* without coming to *London*, where he was expected, gave them so much offence and jealousy, that they never communicated that Letter to the Houses, and took all possible care to conceal it from the People.

THE Marquis *Hamilton* had been likewise with his Majesty

jeſty at *York*, and finding the Eyes of all Men directed towards him with more than ordinary jealousy, he offer'd the King to go into *Scotland*, with many Affurances and undertakings, confident "That he would at least keep that People from doing any thing, that might seem to countenance the carriage of the Parliament. Upon which promises, and to be rid of him at *York*, where he was by all Men look'd upon with marvellous prejudice, the King suffer'd him to go, with full Assurance that he would, and he was sure he could, do him very good Service there; as, on the other side, in his own Court he was so great an offence, that the whole Gentry of *Yorkshire*, who no doubt had insuſions to that purpose from others, had a design to have Petition'd the King, that the Marquis might be sequester'd from all Councils, and presence at Court, as a Man too much trusted by them who would not trust his Majesty.

LASTLY, the King had many of the Nobility of *Scotland* then attending, and among those the Earl of *Calander*, who had been Lieutenant General of the *Scottish* Army, when it Invaded *England*, and had freely confess'd to his Majesty, upon what errors and mistakes he had been corrupted, and by whom, and pretended so deep a sense of what he had done amiss, that it was believ'd; he would have taken Command in the King's Army; which he declin'd, as if it might have been penal to him in *Scotland* by some clause in the Act of the Pacification, but especially upon pretence it would disable him from doing him greater Service in that Kingdom: whither, shortly after the Standard was set up, he repair'd, with all solemn Vows of asserting, and improving his Majesty's Interest in those parts.

THE Parliament on the other hand assur'd themselves, that That Nation was entirely Theirs, having their Commissioners residing with them at *London*; and the chief Managers and Governours in the first War, by their late intercourse, and communication of Guilt, having a firm Correspondence with the Marquis of *Argyle*, the Earl of *Lowden*, and that Party, who being not able to excuse themselves, thought the King could never in his heart forgive them, when it should be in his Power to bring them to Justice. And they undertook that when there should be need of that Nation (which the other thought there would never be) they should be as forward to second them as they had been; in the mean time return'd as fair, and respective Answers to all their Messages, and upon their Declarations, which were constantly sent to them, as they did to the King; assisting them in their design against the Church, which was not yet grown Popular even in the two Houses, by declaring "That the People of that Nation
"could

“could never be engaged on any other ground, than the Reformation of Religion. And therefore, about the beginning of *August*, the Assembly of the Kirk of *Scotland* publish'd a Declaration; “How exceedingly griev'd they were and made heavy, that in so long a time, against the professions both of King and Parliament, and contrary to the joynt desires and prayers of the Godly in both Kingdoms, to whom it was more dear and precious, than what was dearest to them in the world, the Reformation of Religion had moved so slowly, and suffer'd so great interruption.

THE ground of which reproach was this; in the late Treaty of Peace, the Commissioners for *Scotland* had express'd a desire or wish warily couched in words, rather than a Proposition, “That there were such an Unity of Religion, and Uniformity of Church Government agreed on, as might be a special means for conserving of Peace betwixt the two Kingdoms: To which there had been a general inclination to return a rough Answer, and reproof for their intermeddling in any thing that related to the Laws of *England*. But, by the extraordinary industry, and subtlety of those, who saw that business was not yet ripe, and who alledg'd, that it was only wish'd, not propos'd, and therefore that a sharp reply was not merited, this gentle Answer, against the minds of very many, was return'd,

“THAT his Majesty, with the advice of both Houses of Parliament, did approve of the Affection of his Subjects of *Scotland*, in their desire of having Conformity of Church Government between the two Nations; and as the Parliament had already taken into consideration the Reformation of Church Government, so they would proceed therein in due time, as should best conduce to the glory of God, the Peace of the Church, and of both Kingdoms.

Which was contented to by most, as a civil Answer, signifying, or concluding nothing; by others, because it admitted an interpretation of reducing the Government of the Church in *Scotland* to this of *England*, as much as the contrary. But it might have been well discern'd, that those Men asked nothing without a farther design than the words naturally imported, nor ever rested satisfied with a general formal Answer, except they found, that they should hereafter make use, and receive benefit by such Answer. So they now urged the matter of this Answer, as a sufficient Title to demand the extirpation of Prelacy in *England*, and demolishing the whole Fabrick of that glorious Church; urging his Majesty's late practice, while he was in Person in *Scotland*, in resorting frequently to their exercises of publick Worship; and his Royal Actions, in establishing the Worship and Government

ment of that Kirk in Parliament. And therefore they desired the Parliament "To begin their work of Reformation at the Uniformity of Kirk Government; for that there could be no hope of Unity in Religion, of one Confession of Faith, one Form of Worship, and one Catechism, till there were first one Form of Church Government; and that the Kingdom, and Kirk of *Scotland*, could have no hope of a firm and durable Peace, till Prelacy, which had been the main cause of their miseries and troubles, first and last, were pluck'd up root and branch, as a plant which God had not planted, and from which no better fruits could be expected, than such four Grapes, as at that day set on edge the Kingdom of *England*.

WHICH Declaration the Lords of the secret Council, finding, as they said, "The reasons therein express'd to be very pregnant, and the particulars desired, much to conduce to the glory of God, the advancement of the true Christian Faith, his Majesty's Honour, and the Peace, and Union of his Dominions; well approv'd of; and concurred in their earnest desires to the two Houses of Parliament, "To take to their serious considerations those particulars, and to give favourable hearing to such desires and overtures, as should be found most conducive to the promoting so great, and so good a work.

THIS being sent to the Parliament at the time they were forming their Army, and when the King was preparing for his defence, they who, from the beginning, had principally intended this confusion in the Church, insinuated "How necessary it was, speedily to return a very affectionate, and satisfactory reply to the Kingdom of *Scotland*; not only to preserve the reputation of unity, and consent between them, which at that time, was very useful to them, but to hinder the operations of the disaffected in that Kingdom; who, upon insinuations that the Parliament only aim'd at taking his Majesty's Regal rights from him, to the prejudice of Monarchique Government, without any thought of reforming Religion, endeavour'd to pervert the Affections of that People towards the Parliament. Whereas if they were once assured there was a purpose to reform Religion, they should be sure to have their Hearts; and, if occasion required, their Hands too; which possibly might be seduced for the King, if that purpose were not manifested. Therefore, for the present, they should do well to return their hearty thanks for, and their Brotherly acceptance and approbation of the desires, and advice of that Christian Assembly, and of the Lords of the Council; and that though, for the present, by reason of the King's distance from the Parliament "they

“they could not settle any conclusion in that matter, yet for
“Their parts they were resolv’d to endeavour it.

By this Artifice and Invention, they procured a Declaration from the two Houses of Parliament, of wonderful kindness, and confession of many inconveniencies, and mischiefs the Kingdom had sustain’d by Bishops; and therefore they declared, “That That Hierarchical Government was evil, and
“justly offensive, and burdensome to the Kingdom; a great
“impediment to Reformation and growth of Religion; very
“prejudicial to the State and Government of the Kingdom;
“and that they were resolv’d that the same should be taken
“away; and that their purpose was to consult with Godly,
“and Learned Divines, that they might not only remove
“That, but settle such a Government, as might be most agree-
“able to God’s holy word; most apt to procure, and conserve
“the Peace of the Church at home, and happy Union with
“the Church of *Scotland*, and other Reform’d Churches
“abroad; and to establish the same by a Law, which they in-
“tended to frame for that purpose, to be presented to his Ma-
“jesty for his Royal Assent; and in the mean time to beseech
“him, that a Bill for the Assembly might be pass’d in time
“convenient for their meeting; the two Houses having extra-
judicially and extravagantly nominated their own Divines to
that purpose, as is before remember’d.

It was then believ’d by many, and the King was perswaded to believe the same, that all those Importunities from *Scotland* concerning the Government of the Church, were used only to preserve themselves from being press’d by the Parliament, to joyn with them against the King; imagining that this Kingdom would never have consented to such an alteration; and they again pretending, that no other obligation could unite that People in their Service. But it is most certain, this last Declaration was procured by perswading Men,
“That it was for the present necessary, and that it was only
“an Engagement to do their best to perswade his Majesty,
“who they concluded would be inexorable in the point
(which they seem’d not to be sorry for) “And that a receding
“from such a conclusion would be a means to gratify his
“Majesty in a Treaty. At worst, they all knew, that there
would be room enough, when any Bill should be brought in,
to oppose what they had, for this reason of State, seem’d generally to consent to. And so by these Stratagems, thinking to be too hard for each other, they grew all so entangled, that they still wound themselves deeper into those Labyrinths, in which the Major part meant not to be involv’d. And what effect that Declaration of the two Houses, after the Battle of *Edge-hill*, which is mention’d before, wrought, will very shortly appear.

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The King at
Oxford re-
cruits his
Army.

THE King found himself in good ease at *Oxford*, where care was taken for providing for the sick, and wounded Soldiers, and for the Accomodation of the Army, which was, in a short time recruited there in a good measure; and the several Colleges presented his Majesty with all the Money they had in their Treasuries, which amounted to a good Sum; and was a very seasonable supply, as they had formerly sent him all their Plate. It had been very happy, if the King had continued his resolution of sitting still during the Winter without making farther attempts; for his reputation was now great, and his Army believ'd to be much greater than it was, by the Victory they had obtain'd, and the Parliament grew more divided into Factions, and dislike of what they had done, and the City appear'd fuller of discontent, and less inclin'd to be impos'd upon than they had been: so that on all hands nothing was press'd, but that some address might be made to the King for an accommodation; which temper and disposition might have been cultivated, as many Men thought, to great effects, if no farther approaches had been made to *London*, to shew them how little cause they had for their great fear. But the Weather growing fair again, as it often is about *All-bellentide*, and a good party of Horse having been sent out from *Abingdon*, where the head Quarter of the Horse was, they advanced farther than they had order to do, and upon their

The Garrison
of the Par-
liament at
Reading
quitting it,
the King
marches
thither.

approach to *Reading*, where *Harry Martin* was Governour for the Parliament, there was a great terror seized upon them, in-
so-much as Governour and Garrison fled to *London*, and left the place to the Party of Horse; which gave advertisement to the King, "That all fled before them; that the Earl of *Essex* remain'd still at *Warwick*, having no Army to March; and that there was so great divisions in the Parliament, that, upon his Majesty's approach, they would all fly; and that nothing could interrupt him from going to *White-Hall*. How-
ever *Reading* it self was so good a Post, that if the King should find it necessary to make his own Residence in *Ox-
ford*, it would be much the better by having a Garrison at
Reading."

UPON these and other motives, besides the natural credu-
lity in Men, in believing all they wish'd to be true, the King was prevail'd with to march with his Army to *Reading*. This Alarm quickly came to *London*, and was receiv'd with the deepest horror: they now unbelieve'd all which had been told them from their own Army; that Army which, they were told, was well beaten, and scatter'd, was now advanced with-
in thirty Miles of *London*; and the Earl of *Essex*, who pre-
tended to the Victory, and who they supposed was watching the King, that he might not escape from him, could not be
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heard of, and continued still at *Warwick*. Whilst the King was at *Nottingham*, and *Shrewsbury*, they gave orders Magisterially for the War, but now it was come to their own doors, they took not that delight in it.

BEFORE they were resolv'd what to say, they dispatch'd a Messenger, who found the King at *Reading*, only to desire "A safe conduct from his Majesty for a Committee of Lords and Commons, to attend his Majesty with an humble Petition from his Parliament. The King presently return'd his Answer, "That he had always been, and was still ready to "receive any Petition from them; that their Committee should "be Welcome, provided it consisted of Persons, who had not "been by name declar'd Traytors by his Majesty, and excepted as such in his Declarations, or Proclamations. The cause of this limitation was as well the former Rule his Majesty had set down at *Shrewsbury* (from whence he thought not fit now to recede, after a Battle) as that he might prevent the Lord *Sey's* being sent to him, from whom he could expect no entire, and upright dealing.

THE next day another Letter came from the Speaker of the House of Peers to the Lord *Falkland*, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries, to desire "A safe conduct for the Earls "of *Northumberland*, and *Pembroke*, and four Members of "the House of Commons, to attend his Majesty with their "Petition; which safe conduct was immediately sign'd by his Majesty, excepting only for *Sr John Evelyn*, who was by name excepted in his Majesty's Proclamation of Pardon to the County of *Wilts*; which Proclamation was then sent to them with a signification, "That if they would send any other Person in his place, not subject to the same exception, he should "be receiv'd as if his name were in the safe conduct. Though this was no more than they had cause to look for, yet it gave them opportunity for a time to lay aside the thought of Petitioning, as if his Majesty had rejected all overtures of Peace: "For he might every day proclaim as many of their Members "Traytors, and except them from Pardon, as he pleased, and "therefore it was to no purpose to prepare Petitions, and appoint Messengers to present them, when it was possible "those Messengers might, the hour before, be proclaim'd "Traytors: that to submit to such a limitation of the King's "was, upon the matter, to consent to, and approve the highest breach of Privilege, that had been yet offer'd to them.

So that for some days, all discourse of Peace was waved, and all possible preparations for defence and resistance made; for which they had a stronger Argument than either of the other, the advancing of their General, the Earl of *Essex*, who was now on his march towards *London*; and a great fame

*The King
advances to
Colebrook.*

came before him of the strength and courage of his Army; though in truth it was not answerable to the report: However, it serv'd to encourage, and inflame those whose fear only inclin'd them to Peace, and to awe the rest. The King, who had every night an account of what was transacted in the Houses all day (what the close Committee did, who guided all private designs, was not so soon known) resolv'd to quicken them; and advanc'd with his whole Army to *Colebrook*. This indeed exalted their appetite to Peace; for the clamour of the People was importunate, and somewhat humbled their Style; for at *Colebrook*, the 11th of November, his Majesty was met by the two Earls of *Northumberland*, and *Pembroke*, with those three of the House of Commons whose names were in the safe conduct; they satisfying themselves, that the leaving *S^t John Evelyn* behind them, without bringing another in his room, was no Submission to the King's exception: and this Petition was by them presented to him.

*A Petition
presented to
the King
from both
Houses.*

"WE your Majesty's most Loyal Subjects, the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, being affected with a deep and piercing sense of the miseries of this Kingdom, and of the dangers to your Majesty's Person, as the present affairs now stand; and much quicken'd therein with the sad consideration of the great effusion of Blood at the late Battle, and of the loss of so many eminent Persons; and farther weighing the addition of Loss, Misery, and Danger to your Majesty, and your Kingdom, which must ensue, if both Armies should again joyn in another Battle, as without God's especial Blessing, and your Majesty's concurrence with Your Houses of Parliament will not probably be avoided: We cannot but believe that a suitable impression of tenderness, and compassion, is wrought in your Majesty's Royal heart, being your self an Eye Witness of the bloody and sorrowful destruction of so many of your Subjects; and that your Majesty doth apprehend what diminution of your own power and greatness will follow, and that all your Kingdoms will thereby be so weaken'd as to become subject to the Attempts of any ill affected to this State.

"IN all which respects We assure our selves, that your Majesty will be inclined graciously to accept this our humble Petition; that the misery, and desolation of this Kingdom may be speedily remov'd, and prevented. For the effecting whereof, We humbly beseech your Majesty to appoint some convenient place, not far from the City of *London*, where your Majesty will be pleas'd to reside, until Committees of both Houses of Parliament may attend your Majesty with some Propositions for the removal of these bloody dis-
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“pers and distractions, and settling the State of the Kingdom
“in such a manner as may conduce to the preservation of
“God’s true Religion, your Majesty’s Honour, Safety, and
“Prosperity; and to the Peace, Comfort, and Security of all
“your People.

THE King, within two or three hours after the receipt of
this Petition, deliver’d to the same Messengers, this ensuing
Answer, with which they return’d the same Night to *London*.

“We take God to Witness, how deeply We are affected ^{The King’s}
“with the miseries of this Kingdom, which heretofore We ^{Answer.}
“have stroven, as much as in Us lay to prevent; it being suf-
“ficiently known to all the World that, as We were not the
“first that took up Arms, so, We have shewed Our readi-
“ness of composing all things in a fair way, by our several
“offers of Treaty, and shall be glad now at length to find any
“such inclinations in others. The same tenderness to avoid
“the destruction of our Subjects (whom We know to be our
“greatest strength) which would always make our greatest
“Victories bitter to us, shall make us willingly hearken to
“such Propositions, whereby these bloody distempers may
“be stopp’d, and the great distractions of this Kingdom set-
“tled to God’s glory, Our Honour, and the Welfare, and
“Flourishing of Our People: And to that end shall reside at
“our own Castle at *Windsor* (if the Forces there shall be re-
“mov’d) till Committees may have time to attend us with
“the same (which, to prevent the Inconveniencies that will
“intervene, We will be hasten’d) and shall be ready there,
“or, if that be refus’d us, at any place where We shall be,
“to receive such Propositions as aforesaid, from both our
“Houses of Parliament. Do you Your Duty, We will not
“be wanting in ours. God of his mercy give a blessing.

It was then believ’d by many, that if the King had, as soon
as the Messengers return’d to *London*, retir’d with his Army
to *Reading*, and there expected the Parliament’s Answer, they
would immediately have withdrawn their Garrison from *Windsor*,
and deliver’d that Castle to his Majesty for his accom-
modation to have treated in: And without doubt those Lords
who had been with the Petition, and some others who
thought themselves as much over-shadow’d by the greatness
of the Earl of *Essex*, and the Chief Officers of the Army, as
they could be by the glory of any Favourite, or power of any
Counsellors, were resolv’d to merit as much as they could of
the King, by advancing an honourable Peace; and had it in
their purpose to endeavour the giving up of *Windsor* to the

King; but whether they would have been able to have prevail'd that so considerable a strength, in so considerable a place, should have been quitted, whilst there was only hope of a Peace, I much doubt. But certainly the King's Army carried great terror with it; and all those reports, which publish'd the weakness of it, grew to be peremptorily disbeliev'd. For, besides that every days experience disprov'd somewhat which was so confidently reported, and it was evident great industry was us'd to apply such Intelligence to the People as was most like to make impression upon the passions, and affections of the Vulgar-spirited, it could not be believ'd that a handful of Men could have given Battle to their formidable Army, and after taking two or three of their Garrisons, presume to march within fifteen Miles of *London*; so that, if from thence the King had drawn back again to *Reading*, relying upon a Treaty for the rest, it is probable his power would have been more valued, and consequently his grace the more magnified. And sure the King resolv'd to have done so, or at least to have stay'd at *Colebrook* till he heard again from the Parliament. But Prince *Rupert*, exalted with the terror he heard his Name gave to the Enemy, trusting too much to the Vulgar Intelligence every Man receiv'd from his Friends at *London*, who according to their own Passions and the Affections of those with whom they corresponded, concluded that the King had so great a Party in *London*, that, if his Army drew near, no resistance would be made; without any direction from the King, the very next morning after the Committee return'd to *London*, advanced with the Horse and Dragoons to *Hounslow*, and then sent to the King to desire him that the Army might march after; which was, in that case, of absolute necessity; for the Earl of *Essex* had a part of his Army at *Brentford*, and the rest at *Alton*, and *Kingston*. So that if the King had not advanced with his Body, those who were before might very easily have been compass'd in, and their Retreat made very difficult.

The King
marches
towards
Brentford.

So the King march'd with his whole Army towards *Brentford*, where were Two Regiments of their best Foot (for so they were accounted, being those who had eminently behav'd themselves at *Edge-hill*) having Barricadoed the narrow Avenues to the Town, and cast up some little Breast Works at the most convenient places. Here a *Welsh* Regiment of the King's, which had been faulty at *Edge-hill*, recover'd it's Honour, and assaulted the Works, and forced the Barricadoes well defended by the Enemy. Then the King's Forces enter'd the Town after a very warm Service, the chief Officers, and many Soldiers of the other side being kill'd; and they took there above five hundred Prisoners, eleven Colours,

Colours, and fifteen Pieces of Cannon, and good store of Ammunition. But this Victory (for considering the place it might well be call'd so) prov'd not at all fortunate to his Majesty.

THE two Houses were so well satisfied with the Answer their Committee had brought from the King, and with the report they made of his Majesty's Clemency, and gracious Reception of them, that they had sent Order to their Forces, "That they should not exercise any Act of Hostility towards the King's Forces; and, at the same time, dispatch'd a Messenger, to acquaint his Majesty therewith, and to desire "That there might be the like forbearance on His part. The Messenger found both Parties engaged at *Brentford*, and so return'd without attending his Majesty, who had no apprehension that they intended any Cessation; since those Forces were advanced to *Brentford*, *Acton*, and *Kingston*, after their Committee were sent to *Colebrook*. However they look'd upon this entering of *Brentford* as a surprise contrary to Faith; and the betraying their Forces to a Massacre, under the specious pretence of a Treaty for Peace. The Alarm came to *London*, with the same Terror as if the Army were enter'd their Gates, and the King accused "Of Treachery, Perfidy, "and Blood; and that he had given the Spoil and Wealth of "the City as Pillage to his Army, which advanced with no "other purpose.

THEY who believ'd nothing of those Calumnies, were not yet willing the King should enter the City with an Army, which, they knew, would not be Govern'd in so Rich Quarters; and therefore, with unspeakable Expedition, the Army under the Earl of *Essex* was not only drawn together, but all the Train'd-bands of *London* led out in their brightest Equipage upon the Heath next *Brentford*; where they had indeed a full Army of Horse and Foot, fit to have decided the Title of a Crown with an equal Adversary. The View and Prospect of this strength, which nothing but that sudden Extent could have brought together, extremely puffed them up; not only as it was an ample Security against the present Danger, but as it look'd like a Safe Power to encounter any other. They had now before their Eyes the King's little handful of Men, and then begun to wonder and blush at their own Fears; and all this might be without excess of Courage; for without doubt their numbers then, without the advantage of Equipage (which to Soldiers is a great addition of Mettle) were five times greater than the King's Harassed, Weather-beaten, and Half-starv'd Troops.

I HAVE heard many knowing Men, and some who were then in the City Regiments, say, "That if the King had

"Advanced, and Charged that Massive Body, it had presently "given ground; and that the King had so great a Party in "every Regiment, that they would have made no resistance. But it had been madness, which no success could have vindicated, to have made that attempt: and the King easily discern'd that He had brought himself into streights and difficulties, which would be hardly master'd; and expos'd his Victorious Army to view, at too near a distance off his two Enemies, the Parliament and the City. Yet he stood all that day in Battalia to receive them, who only play'd upon him with their Cannon; to the loss only of four or five Horses, and not one Man. The constitution of their Forces, where there were very many not at all affected to the Company they were in, being a good argument to Them not to Charge the King, which had been an ill one to Him to Charge Them.

The King's
Army
drawn off to
Kingston:

WHEN the Evening drew on, and it appear'd that great Body stood only for the defence of the City, the King appointed his Army to draw off to *Kingston*, which the Rebels had kindly quitted; which they did without the loss of a Man; and himself went to his own House at *Hampton-Court*; where he rested the next day, as well to refresh his Army, even tir'd with Watching and Fasting, as to expect some Propositions from the Houses. For, upon his advance to *Brentford*, he had sent a Servant of his own, one Mr *White*, with a Message to the Parliament, containing the reasons of that motion (there being no Cessation offer'd on Their part) and desiring "The Propositions might be dispatch'd to him "with all speed. But his Messenger being carried to the Earl of *Essex*, was by him used very roughly, and by the Houses committed to the Gate-house, not without the motion of some Men, "That he might be executed as a Spy.

Thence to
Reading.

AFTER a days stay at *Hampton-Court*, the King remov'd himself to his House at *Oatlands*, leaving the gross of his Army still at *Kingston*, and thereabouts; but being then inform'd of the high imputations they had laid upon him; "Of breach of Faith, by his march to *Brentford*; and that "the City was really inflamed with an opinion, that he meant "to have surpris'd them, and to have sack'd the Town; "that they were so possess'd with that fear, and apprehension, "that their care and preparation for their Safety would at "least keep off all Propositions for Peace, whilst the Army "lay so near *London*: He gave direction for all his Forces to retire to *Reading*; first discharging all the Common Soldiers, who had been taken Prisoners at *Brentford* (except such who voluntarily offer'd to serve Him) upon their Oaths that they would no more bear Arms against his Majesty.

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THE King then sent a Message to the Houses, in which ^{The King sends a Message to the}
 "He took notice of those unjust and unreasonable imputa-
 "tions raised on him; told them again of the reasons and
 "circumstances of his motion towards *Brentford*; of the Earl
 "of *Essex*'s drawing out his Forces towards him, and possessing
 "those Quarters about him, and almost hemming him in,
 "after the time that the Commissioners were sent to him
 "with the Petition; that he had never heard of the least
 "Overture of the forbearing all Acts of Hostility, but saw
 "the contrary practiced by them by that Advance; that he
 "had not the least thought or intention of mastering the City
 "by Force, or carrying his Army thither: That he wonder'd
 "to hear his Soldiers charged with thirsting after Blood,
 "when they took above five hundred Prisoners in the very
 "heat of the Fight. He told them such were most apt, and
 "likely to maintain their Power by Blood and Rapine, who
 "had only got it by Oppression and Injustice; that his was
 "vested in him by the Law, and by that only (if the de-
 "structive Counsels of others did not hinder such a Peace, in
 "which that might once again be the universal rule, and in
 "which only Religion and Justice could flourish) he desir'd
 "to maintain it; That he intended to march to such a di-
 "stance from his City of *London*, as might take away all pre-
 "sence of apprehension from his Army, that might hinder
 "them from preparing their Propositions, in all security, to be
 "presented to him; and there he would be ready to receive
 "them, or, if that expedient pleased them not, to end the
 "Pressures and Miseries, which his Subjects, to his great grief,
 "suffer'd through this War, by a present Battle.

BUT as the Army's being so near *London* was an Argument
 against a present Treaty, so its remove to *Reading* was a
 greater with very many not to desire any. The danger
 which they had brought themselves for some days together
 to look upon at their Gates, was now to be condemn'd at the
 distance of thirty Miles; and this Retreat imputed only to the
 fear of the Power, not to the inclinations to Peace. And
 therefore they, who during the time that the Major part did
 really desire a good Peace, and whilst Overtures were prepa-
 ring to that purpose, had the skill to intermingle Acts more
 destructive to it, than any Propositions could be contributory
 (as the inviting the *Scots* to their Assistance by that Decla-
 ration, which is before mention'd; and the publishing a De-
 claration at the same time, which had lain long by them, in
 reply to one set forth by the King long before in Answer to
 theirs of the 26th of *May*, in which they used both his Person
 and his Power with more irreverence than they had ever
 done before) now only insisted on the surprise, as they call'd

it, of *Brentford*; and publish'd, by the Authority of both Houses, a relation of the carriage of the King's Soldiers in that Town after their Victory (which they fram'd upon the discourses of the Country People, who possibly, as it could not be otherwise, had receiv'd damage by their Licence then) to make the King and his Army odious to the Kingdom; "As affecting nothing but Blood and Rapine; and concluding, "that there could not be reasonably expected any Good Conditions of a tolerable Peace from the King, whilst he was "in such Company; and therefore that all particular Propositions were to be resolv'd into that one, of inviting his Majesty to come to them; and got a Vote from the Major part of both Houses, "That no other measure for Accommodation or Treaty should be thought on.

THEIR Trusty Lord Mayor of *London*, *Isaac Pennington*, who was again chosen to serve another year, so bestir'd himself, having to assist him two Sheriffs, *Langham* and *Andrews*, as they could wish, that there was not only no more importunity or interposition from the City for Peace; but, instead thereof, an Overture and Declaration from divers, under the style of well affected Persons, "That they would advance "a considerable number of Soldiers, for the supply and recruit "of the Parliament Forces; and would Arm, Maintain, and "Pay them for several Months, or during the times of danger, "and distractions; provided that they might have the publick Faith of the Kingdom for repayment of all such Sums "of Money, which they should so advance by way of Loan. This wonderful kind of Proposition was presently declar'd "To be an acceptable Service to the King, Parliament, and "Kingdom; and necessarily tending to the preservation of "them; and therefore an Ordinance, as they call it, was framed and pass'd both Houses:

An Ordinance for raising Money upon the Publick Faith.

"THAT all such as should furnish Men, Money, Horse, "or Arms for that Service, should have the same fully repaid "again, with Interest for the forbearance thereof, from the "times disburs'd. And for the true payment thereof, they "did thereby engage to all, and every such Person, and Persons, the Publick Faith of the Kingdom. And order'd the Lord Mayor, and Sheriffs of *London*, by themselves, or such Sub-Committees as they should appoint, to take Subscriptions, and to intend the advancement of that Service. Upon this voluntary, general Proposition, made by a few obscure Men, probably such who were not able to supply much Money, was this Ordinance made; and from this Ordinance the active Mayor, and Sheriffs, appointed a Committee of such Persons whose inclinations they well knew, to press all kind of People, especially those who were not forward, to new Subscriptions;

scriptions; and, by degrees, from this unconsider'd passage, grew the Monthly Tax of six thousand pounds to be set upon the City for the payment of the Army.

As they provided, with this notable circumspection, to raise Men and Money; so they took not less care; nor used less Art, and Industry, to raise their General; and lest he might suppose himself fallen in their good grace, and confidence, by bringing an Army back thatter'd, poor, and discomforted, which he had carried out in full Numbers, and glorious Equipage, they used him with greater reverence and submission than ever. They had before appointed another distinct Army to be raised under the Command of the Earl of *Warwick*, and not subject to the Power of the Earl of *Essex*, and of this, several Regiments and Troops were raised; these they sent to the old Army, and the Earl of *Warwick* gave up his Commission, upon resolution "That there should be only one General, and He, the Earl of *Essex*. Then the two Houses passed and presented, with great solemnity, this Declaration to his Excellency, the same day that their Committee went to the King with their Petition:

"THAT, as they had, upon mature deliberation, and as-
 "sur'd confidence in his Wisdom, Courage, and Fidelity, *A Declaration of both Houses concerning their General's acceptable Service.*
 "chosen, and appointed Him their Captain General; so they
 "did find, that the said Earl had managed that Service, of so
 "high importance, with so much care, valour, and dexterity,
 "as well by the extreme hazard of his Life, in a bloody Bat-
 "tle near *Kenilston* in *Warwick-shire*, as by all the Actions of
 "a Most excellent and expert Commander, in the whole
 "course of that Imployment, as did deserve their best ac-
 "knowledgment: And they did therefore declare, and pub-
 "lish, to the lasting Honour of the said Earl, the great and
 "acceptable Service, which he had therein done to the Com-
 "mon-wealth; and should be willing and ready, upon all oc-
 "casions, to express the due sense they had of his Merits, by
 "assuring and protecting Him, and all others employ'd under
 "his Command in that Service, with their Lives and For-
 "tunes, to the uttermost of their Power: that Testimony and
 "Declaration to remain upon record, in both Houses of Par-
 "liament, for a mark of Honour to his Person, Name, and
 "Family, and for a Monument of his singular Virtue to Po-
 "sterity.

WHEN they had thus compos'd their Army and their General, they sent this Petition to the King to *Reading*, who stay'd still there in expectation of their Propositions.

"May

"May it please your Majesty :

*The Houses
Petition to
the King,
Nov. 24.*

"It is humbly desir'd /by both Houses of Parliament,
"that your Majesty will be pleased to return to your Parlia-
"ment, with your Royal, not your Martial, Attendance;
"to the end that Religion, Laws, and Liberties, may be
"settled and secured by their Advice; finding by a sad, and
"late accident, that your Majesty is environ'd by some such
"Councils, as do rather perswade a desperate division, than a
"joyning and a good agreement with your Parliament and
"People: And We shall be ready to give your Majesty As-
"surance of such security, as may be for your Honour, and
"the Safety of your Royal Person.

*The Sub-
stance of the
King's An-
swer.*

AS SOON as the King receiv'd this strange Address, he
return'd them by the same Messenger a sharp Answer to this
effect; He told them, "He hoped all his good Subjects would
"look upon that Message with Indignation, as intended, by
"the Contrivers thereof, as a scorn to him; and thereby de-
"sign'd by that Malignant Party (of whom he had so often
"complain'd, whose Safety and Ambition was built upon the
"Divisions and Ruins of the Kingdom, and who had too
"great an influence upon their Actions) for a Wall of sepa-
"ration betwixt his Majesty and his People. He said, he
"had often told them the reasons, why he departed from
"London; how he was chased thence, and by whom; and
"as often complain'd, that the greatest part of his Peers, and
"of the Members of the House of Commons, could not, with
"safety to their Honours and Persons, continue, and Vote
"freely among them; but by violence, and cunning practices,
"were debarr'd of those Privileges, which their Birth-rights,
"and the trust reposed in them by their Countries, gave them:
"That the whole Kingdom knew that an Army was raised,
"under pretence of Orders of both Houses (an usurpation ne-
"ver before heard of in any Age) which Army had pursued
"his Majesty in his own Kingdom; given him Battle at *Ken-
"sington*; and now, those Rebels, being recruited, and possessed
"of the City of *London*, he was courteously invited to return
"to his Parliament there, that is, to the power of that Army.

"THAT, he said, could signify nothing but that, since the
"Trayterous endeavours of those desperate Men, could not
"snatch the Crown from his Head, it being defended by the
"Providence of God, and the Affections and Loyalty of his
"good Subjects, he should now tamely come up; and give it
"them; and put Himself, his Life, and the Lives, Liberties,
"and Fortunes of all his good Subjects into their Merciful
"Hands. He said, he thought not fit to give any other An-
"swer

“swer to that part of their Petition: But as he imputed not that affront to both his Houses of Parliament, nor to the Major part of those who were then present there, but to that dangerous Party his Majesty and the Kingdom must still cry out upon; so he would not (for his good Subject’s sake, and out of his most tender sense of their Miseries, and the general Calamities of the Kingdom, which must, if the War continued, speedily overwhelm the whole Nation) take advantage of it: But if they would really pursue the course they seem’d, by their Petition at *Colebrook*, to be inclin’d to, he should make good all he then promised; where-by the hearts of his distressed Subjects might be raised with the hopes of Peace; without which, Religion, the Laws, and Liberties, could by no ways be settled and secured.

“For the late, and sad Accident they mention’d, if they intended that of *Brentford*, he desir’d them once again to deal ingenuously with the People, and to let them see his last Message to them, and his Declaration, concerning the same (both which his Majesty had sent to his Press at *London*, but were taken away from his Messenger, and not suffer’d to be publish’d) “And then he doubted not, but they would be soon undeceiv’d, and easily find out those Councils, which did rather persuade a desperate division, than a good agreement betwixt his Majesty, his two Houses, and People.

THIS Answer being deliver’d, without any farther consideration whether the same were reasonable, or not reasonable, they declar’d “The King had no mind to Peace; and there-upon laid aside all farther Debates to that purpose; and order’d their General to march to *Windsor* with the Army, to be so much nearer the King’s Forces; for the better recruiting whereof, two of their most Eminent Chaplains, Dr *Downing* and Mr *Marshall*, publickly avow’d, “That the Soldiers lately taken Prisoners at *Brentford*, and discharged, and released by the King upon their Oaths that they would never again bear Arms against him, were not obliged by that Oath; but, by Their Power, absolv’d them thereof, and so engaged again those miserable Wretches in the second Rebellion.

WHEN the King discern’d clearly that the Enemies to Peace had the better of him, and that there was now no farther thought of preparing Propositions to be sent to him; after he had seen a Line drawn about *Reading*, which he resolv’d to keep as a Garrison, and the works in a reasonable forwardness, he left St *Arthur Aston*, whom he had lately made Commissary General of the Horse (Mr *Wilmut* being at the same time constituted Lieutenant General) Governour thereof, with a Garrison of above two thousand Foot, and a good Regiment of Horse: and Himself with the rest of his Army march’d

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march'd to *Oxford*, where he resolv'd to rest that Winter, settling at the same time a good Garrison at *Wallingford*, a place of great importance within eight Miles of *Oxford*; another at the *Brill* upon the Edge of *Buckingham-shire*; a third being before settled at *Banbury*; *Abingdon* being the head Quarters for his Horse; and by this means he had all *Oxford-shire* entire, all *Berk-shire*, but that barren division about *Windsor*; and from the *Brill*, and *Banbury*, a good influence upon *Buckingham-shire*, and *Northampton-shire*.

THE King was hardly settled in his Quarters, when he heard that the Parliament was fixing a Garrison at *Malborough* in *Wilt-shire*, a Town the most notoriously disaffected of all that County; otherwise, saving the obstinacy and malice of the Inhabitants, in the Situation of it very unfit for a Garrison. Thither the Earl of *Essex* had sent one *Ramsey* (a Scots-man, as very many of their Officers were of that Nation) to be Governour; who, with the help of the Factious People there, had quickly drawn together five or six hundred Men. This place, the King saw, would soon prove an ill Neighbour to him; not only as it was in the heart of a Rich County, and so would streighten, and even infect his Quarters (for it was within twenty Miles of *Oxford*) but as it did cut off his Line of Communication with the West: And therefore, though it was *December*, a season when his tired, and almost naked Soldiers might expect rest, he sent a strong Party of Horse, Foot, and Dragoons, under the Command of Mr *Wilmot* the Lieutenant General of his Horse, to visit that Town; who coming thither on a *Saturday*, found the place strongly mann'd: for, besides the Garrison, it being Market day, very many Country People came thither to buy and sell, and were all compell'd to stay and take Arms for the defence of the place; which for the most part, they were willing to do, and the People peremptory to defend it. Though there was no Line about it, yet there were some places of great advantage, upon which they had rais'd Batteries, and planted Cannon, and so Barricadoed all the Avenues, which were through deep narrow Lanes, that the Horse could do little Service.

WHEN the Lieutenant General was, with his Party, near the Town, he apprehended a Fellow, who confessed upon Examination, "That he was a Spy, and sent by the Governour "to bring intelligence of their strength and motion. When all Men thought, and the poor Fellow himself fear'd, he should be executed; the Lieutenant General caus'd his whole Party to be ranged in order in the next convenient place, and bid the Fellow look well upon them, and observe them, and then bid him return to the Town, and tell those that sent him, what he had seen, and withal that he should acquaint the

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Magistrates of the Town, "That they should do well to treat
"with the Garrison, to give them leave to submit to the King;
"that if they did so, the Town should not receive the least
"prejudice; but if they compell'd him to make his way, and
"enter the Town by force, it would not be in his power to
"keep his Soldiers from taking that which they should win
"with their Blood: and so dismiss'd him. This generous
Act prov'd of some advantage; for the Fellow, transported
with having his Life given him; and the Numbers of the
Men he had seen, besides his no Experience in such fights,
being multiplied by his fear, made notable relations of the
Strength, Gallantry, and Resolution of the Enemy, and of the
impossibility of resisting them; which, though it prevailed
not with those in Authority to yield, yet it strangely abated
the hopes, and courage of the People. So that when the
King's Soldiers fell on, after a Volley or two, in which much
Execution was done, they threw down their Arms, and run
into the Town; so that the Foot had time to make room for
the Horse, who were now enter'd at both ends of the Town,
yet were not so near an end as they expected; for the Streets
were in many places Barricadoed, which were obstinately
defended by some Soldiers and Towns-men, who kill'd many
Men out of the Windows of the Houses; so that, it may be,
if they had trusted only to their own strength, without com-
pelling the Country Men to encrease their Number, and who
being first frighted, and weary, dishearten'd their Companions,
that place might have cost more Blood. *Ramsay* the Govern-
nour was himself retir'd into the Church with some Officers,
and from thence did some hurt; upon this, there being so
many kill'd out of Windows, fire was put to the next Houses,
so that a good part of the Town was burn'd, and then the
Soldiers enter'd, doing less Execution than could reasonably
be expected; but, what they spared in Blood, they took
in Pillage, the Soldiers enquiring little who were Friends
or Foes.

THIS was the first Garrison taken on either side; for *Farn-* Marlbo-
ham Castle in *Surrey*, whither some Gentlemen who were rough taken
willing to appear for the King had repair'd, and were taken by the
with less resistance than was fit, by *Sr William Waller*, some King's For-
few days before, deserv'd not the name of a Garrison. In ces: under
this of *Marlborough* were taken, besides the Governour, and Lieutenant
and other Officers, who yielded upon Quarter, above one thousand General
Prisoners; great stores of Arms, four pieces of Cannon, Wilmot.
and a good quantity of Ammunition, with all which the
Lieutenant General return'd safe to *Oxford*: Though this
Success was a little shadow'd, by the unfortunate loss of a
very good Regiment of Horse within a few days after; for
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the Lord *Grandison*, by the miscarriage of Orders, was exposed; at too great a distance from the Army, with his single Regiment of Horse consisting of three hundred, and a Regiment of two hundred Dragoons, to the unequal encounter of a Party of the Enemy of five thousand Horse and Dragoons; and so was Himself, after a Retreat made to *Winchester*, there taken with all his Party; which was the first loss of that kind the King sustain'd; but without the least fault of the Commander; and the misfortune was much lessen'd by his making an escape himself with two or three of his principal Officers, who were very welcome to *Oxford*.

THE first thing the King apply'd himself to consult upon, after he was settled in his Winter Quarters, and despair'd of any honest Overtures for a Peace, was, how to apply some Antidote to that Poyson, which was sent into *Scotland*, in that Declaration We mention'd before; the which he had not only seen, as an Act communicated abroad and in many hands, but the *Scottish* Earl of *Lindsay*, who was then a Commissioner Leiger at *London* for *Scotland*, had presented it to him. And there was every day some motion in the House of Commons to press the *Scots*, to invade the Kingdom for their assistance, upon the growth of the Earl of *New-Castle's* power in the North. And therefore, after full thoughts, the King writ to his Privy Council of *Scotland* (who, by the Laws enacted when he was last there, had the Absolute, indeed Regal, Power of that Kingdom) and took notice of that Declaration, which had been sent to them, earnestly inviting, and in a manner challenging an Assistance from that his Native Kingdom of Men and Arms, for making a War against him, and making claim to that Assistance by virtue of the late Act of Pacification.

He told them, "That, as he was at his Soul afflicted, that it had been in the power of any factious, ambitious, and malicious Persons, so far to possess the hearts of many of his Subjects of *England*, as to raise this miserable distemper, and distraction in this Kingdom against all his real endeavours and actions to the contrary; so he was glad that That rage and fury had so far transported them, that they applied themselves, in so gross a manner, to his Subjects of *Scotland*; whose experience of his Religion, Justice, and Love of his People, would not suffer them to believe those horrid Scandals, laid upon his Majesty: and their Affection, Loyalty, and Jealousy of his Honour, would disdain to be made Instruments to oppress their native Sovereign, by assisting an odious Rebellion. He remember'd them, That he had from time to time acquainted his Subjects of that Kingdom

The Substance of the King's Message to the Privy Council of Scotland, upon occasion of the two Houses Declaration to that Kingdom.

“ Kingdom with the Accidents, and Circumstances which had
 “ disquieted This; how, after all the Acts of Justice, Grace,
 “ and Favour, perform’d on His part, which were or could be
 “ desir’d to make a People compleatly happy, he was driven,
 “ by the force and violence of rude and tumultuous Assem-
 “ blies, from his City of *London*, and his Houses of Parlia-
 “ ment; how attempts had been made to impose Laws upon
 “ his Subjects, without His consent, and contrary to the foun-
 “ dation and constitution of the Kingdom; how his Forts,
 “ Goods, and Navy, had been seized, and taken from him by
 “ force, and employ’d against him; his Revenue, and ordi-
 “ nary Subsistence; wrested from him: How he had been pur-
 “ sued with scandalous and reproachful Language; bold, false,
 “ and seditious Pasquils, and Libels, publicly allow’d against
 “ him; and had been told that he might, without want of
 “ Modesty and Dury, be depos’d: That after all this, before
 “ any force rais’d by Him, an Army was rais’d, and a Gene-
 “ ral appointed to lead that Army against his Majesty, with a
 “ Commission to kill, slay, and destroy all such who should be
 “ faithful to him: That when he had been, by these means,
 “ compell’d, with the Assistance of his good Subjects, to raise
 “ an Army for his necessary defence, he had sent divers gra-
 “ cious Messages, earnestly desiring that the calamities, and
 “ miseries of a Civil War might be prevented by a Treaty;
 “ and so he might know the grounds of that misunderstanding:
 “ That he was absolutely refus’d to be treated with, and
 “ the Army (rais’d, as was pretended, for the defence of his
 “ Person) brought into the Field against him; gave him Bat-
 “ tle; and, though it pleas’d God to give his Majesty the Vi-
 “ ctory, destroyed many of his good Subjects, with as eminent
 “ danger to his own Person, and his Children, as the skill
 “ and malice of desperate Rebels could contrive.

“ Of all which, and the other Indignities, which had been
 “ offer’d to him, he doubted not the Dury and Affection of
 “ his *Scottish* Subjects would have so just a resentment, that
 “ they would express to the world the sense they had of his
 “ sufferings: And, he hoped, his good Subjects of *Scotland*
 “ were not so great strangers to the affairs of this Kingdom,
 “ to believe that this misfortune and distraction was begot and
 “ brought upon him by his two Houses of Parliament;
 “ though, in truth, no unwarrantable Action against the
 “ Law could be justified even by That Authority; but that
 “ they well knew how the Members of both Houses had
 “ been driven thence, insomuch that, of above five hundred
 “ Members of the House of Commons, there were not then
 “ there above fourscore; and, of above one hundred of the
 “ House of Peers, not above fifteen or sixteen; all which were
 “ so

“ so awed by a multitude of *Anabaptists, Brownists*, and other
 “ Persons, desperate, and decayed in their fortunes, in and
 “ about the City of *London*, that, in truth, their consultations,
 “ had not the Freedom and Privilege which belong to Parlia-
 “ ments.

“ CONCERNING any Commissions granted by his Maje-
 “ sty to Papiſts to raise Forces, he referred them to a Decla-
 “ ration, lately set forth by him upon the occasion of that scan-
 “ dal, which he likewise then sent to them. And for his own
 “ true, and zealous affection to the Protestant Religion, he
 “ would give no other Instance than his own constant Pra-
 “ ctice, on which Malice it self could lay no blemish; and
 “ those many Proteſtations he had made in the sight of Al-
 “ mighty God, to whom he knew he should be dearly account-
 “ able if he failed in the observation.

“ FOR that scandalous imputation of his intention of bring-
 “ ing in Forreign Forces, as the same was raised without the
 “ least shadow or colour of reason, and solemnly disavow’d
 “ by his Majesty, in many of his Declarations; so there could
 “ not be a clearer Argument to his Subjects of *Scotland* that
 “ he had no such thought, than that he had hitherto forborn
 “ to require the Assistance of that his Native Kingdom; from
 “ whose Obedience, Duty, and Affection, he should confi-
 “ dently expect it, if he thought his own strength here too
 “ weak to preserve him; and of whose Courage, and Loy-
 “ alty, he should look to make use, before he should think
 “ of any Forreign Aid to succour him. And he knew no rea-
 “ sonable or understanding Man could suppose that they were
 “ oblig’d, or enabled, by the late Act of Parliament in both
 “ Kingdoms, to obey the invitation that was made to them
 “ by that pretended Declaration, when it was so evidently
 “ provided for by that Act, that as the Kingdom of *Eng-
 “ land* should not War against the Kingdom of *Scotland*,
 “ without Consent of the Parliament of *England*, so the King-
 “ dom of *Scotland* should not make War against the King-
 “ dom of *England*, without the Consent of the Parliament of
 “ *Scotland*.

He told them, “ if the grave Counsel and Advice, which
 “ they had given, and derived to the Houses of Parliament
 “ here, by their Act of the 22^d of *April* last, had been fol-
 “ low’d in a tender care of his Royal Person, and of his
 “ Princely Greatness and Authority, there would not that
 “ face of Confusion have appear’d, which now threaten’d
 “ this Kingdom: and therefore he requir’d them to Commu-
 “ nicate what he then writ to all his Subjects of that King-
 “ dom, and to use their utmost endeavours to inform them of
 “ the truth of his Conditions; and that they suffer’d not the
 “ scandals

“Scandals and Imputations laid on his Majesty by the Malice
“and Treason of some Men, to make any impression in the
“minds of his People, to the lessening or corrupting their
“Affections and Loyalty to him; but that they assured them
“all, that the hardness he then underwent, and the Arms
“he had been compell’d to take up, were for the defence of
“his Person and safety of his Life; for the maintenance of the
“true Protestant Religion, for the preservation of the Laws,
“Liberties, and Constitution of this Kingdom, and for the
“just Privileges of Parliament; and that he looked no longer
“for a Blessing from Heaven, than he endeavour’d the De-
“fence and Advancement of all these: And, He could not
“doubt, a dutiful concurrence in his Subjects of *Scotland*, in
“the care of his Honour, and just Rights, would draw down
“a blessing upon that Nation too.

THOUGH his Majesty well knew all the Persons, to whom
he directed this Letter, to be those who were only able and
willing to do him all possible disservice, yet he was sure by
other Instruments, if they neglected, which, for that reason,
they were not like to do, to publish it to the People there;
which he believ’d might so far operate upon them, as the others
would not be able to procure them to invade *England*; and
other fruit of their Allegiance he expected not, than that they
should not Rebel.

HIS Majesty’s next care was the procuring Money for the
payment of his Army; that the narrow circuit which con-
tain’d his Quarters, might not be so intollerably oppress’d
with that whole burden. This was a very difficult matter;
for the Soldiery already grew very high, and would obey no
Orders or Rules but of their own making; and Prince *Rupert*
consider’d only the subsistence, and advance of the Horse, as
His Province, and indeed as if it had been a Province apart
from the Army; and therefore would by no means endure
that the great contributions, which the Counties within com-
mand willingly submitted to, should be assign’d to any other
use than the support of the Horse, and to be immediately
collected, and receiv’d by the Officers. So that the several
Garrisons, and all the Body of Foot, were to be constantly
paid, and his Majesty’s weekly Expence for his House
born out of such Monies as could be borrow’d. For, of
all his own Revenue, he had not yet the receiving a Penny
within his power; neither did he think fit to compel any
one, even such who were known to have contributed freely
to the Parliament, to supply him: Only by Letters, and all
other gentle ways, he invited those who were able, to con-
sider how much their own Security and Prosperity was con-
cern’d, and depended upon the preservation of his Rights;

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then us’d to
raise Money.*

and offer'd to sell any of his Lands, or to give any Personal security for whatsoever Money would be lent to him at Interest : for he had directed a Grant to be prepar'd of several Parks, and Forests, and other Crown Lands, to many Persons of Honour and great Fortune about him, whose Estates and Reputation were well known ; who were ready to be Personally bound for whatsoever Sums could be borrow'd.

THE Affection of the University of *Oxford* was most eminent : For, as they had before, when the Troubles first broke out, lent the King above ten thousand pounds out of the several Stocks of the Colleges, and the Purles of particular Persons, many whereof lent him all they had ; so they now again made him a new Present. By these means, and the Loan of particular Persons, especially from *London* (for from thence, notwithstanding all the strict watch to the contrary, considerable Sums were drawn) The King, even above his hopes, was able to pay his Foor, albeit it amounted to above three thousand pounds weekly, in such manner, that, during the whole Winter, there was not the least disorder for want of pay. And then he us'd all possible care to encourage and countenance new Levies of Horse and Foot, for the recruiting his Army against the next Spring.

THE Parliament's Army being now about *London*, the Officers of it who were Members of Parliament, attended that Council diligently, upon which that Army alone depended : and, though they still seem'd very desirous of Peace, they very solemnly and severely prosecuted all those who really endeavour'd it. Their partiality and injustice was so notorious, that there was no rule or measure of Right in any matter depending before them, but consideration only of the Affections and Opinions of the Persons contending ; neither could any thing be more properly said of them, than what *Tacitus* once spoke of the *Jews*, *Apud Ipsos fides obstinata, misericordia in promptu, adversus omnes alios hostile odium*. Volumes would not contain the instances. But they found the old Arguments of Popery, the Militia, and Delinquents, for the justification of the War, grew every day of less reverence with the People ; and that as the King's own Religion was above any Scandal they could lay upon it, so the Regal Power seem'd so asserted by Law, and the King upon all occasions, cited particular Statutes for the Vindication of his Right, that whilst they confess'd the Sovereign Power to be vested in him, all Legal Ministers had that dependence on him, that Their Authority would by degrees grow into Contempt.

The King
makes new
Sheriffs.

AND of this disadvantage the season of the year put them in mind : for the King now, according to course, prick'd Sheriffs,

Sheriffs, and made such choice in all Counties, that they foresaw the People were not like to be so implicitly at their disposal. Therefore, as they had before craftily insinuated the same in some particulars, they now barefaced avow, "That the Sovereign Power was wholly and entirely in Them; and that the King himself, sever'd from Them, had no Regal Power in him. Their Clergy had hitherto been their Champions, and wrested the Scripture to their sense; Their Lawyers were now to vindicate their Title, and they were not more modest in applying Their Profession to their Service. As all places of Scripture, or in the Fathers, which were spoken of the Church of Christ, are by the Papists apply'd to the Church of *Rome*; so, whatsoever is written in any of the Books of the Law, or mention'd in the Records, of the Authority and Effects of the Sovereign Power, and of the Dignity and Jurisdiction of Parliament, was by these Men, alledged and urged for the Power of the two Houses, and sometimes for the single Authority of the House of Commons. Being supplied with the Learning of these Gentlemen, they declar'd, "That the Sheriffs, then constituted by the King, were not Legal Sheriffs, nor ought to execute, or be submitted to in that Office; and order'd, "Whomsoever the King made Sheriff in any County, to be sent for as Delinquent; and because it seem'd unreasonable, that the Counties should be without that Legal Minister, to whom the Law had intrusted it's Custody, it was propos'd, "That they might make a new Great Seal, and by that Authority make Sheriffs, and such other Officers as they should find necessary; but for the present that Motion was laid aside.

THE King had appointed some of those Prisoners who were taken in the Battle at *Keinton* Field, and others apprehended in the Act of Rebellion, to be Indicted of High Treason, upon the Statute of the 25th year of King *Edward* the third, before the Lord Chief Justice, and other Learned Judges of the Law, by Virtue of his Majesty's Commission of *Oyer* and *Terminer*: The Parliament declared "All such Indictments and all Proceedings thereupon, to be unjust and illegal; and inhibited the Judges to proceed farther therein; declaring (which was a stronger Argument) "That if any Man were executed, or suffer'd hurt, for any thing he had done by Their Order, the like punishment should be inflicted, by death or otherwise, upon such Prisoners as were, or should be, taken by Their Forces: And, in none of their cases, ever asked the Judges what the Law was. By the determination of the Statute, and the King's refusal, which hath been mention'd before, to pass any new Law to that purpose, there was no farther duty of Tonnage and Poundage

due upon Merchandize, and the Statute made this very Parliament involv'd all Men in the guilt and penalty of a Præmunire, who offer'd to receive it. The King publish'd a Proclamation upon that Statute, and required all Men to forbear paying "That duty, and forbid all to receive it. They again declar'd, "That no Person, who receiv'd those duties by Virtue of "Their Orders, was within the danger of a Præmunire, or any "other penalty whatsoever; because the intent, and meaning "of that Penal clause, was only to restrain the Crown from "imposing any duty or Payment upon the Subjects, without "their consent in Parliament; and was not intended to extend to any case whereunto the Lords and Commons give "their assent in Parliament.

AND that this Sovereignty might be farther taken notice of than within the Limits of this Kingdom, they sent, with all formality, Letters of Credence, and instructions, and their Agents, into Forreign States and Kingdoms.

*The substance
of the Declaration
of the Lords
and Commons
to the
States General
of the
united Provinces.*

By their Agent to the united Provinces, where the Queen was then residing, they had the Courage, in plain terms, to accuse the Prince of Orange "For supplying the King with "Arms and Ammunition; for Licencing divers Commanders, "Officers, and Soldiers, to resort into this Kingdom to his aid. They remember'd them "of the great help that they "had receiv'd from this Kingdom, when heretofore they lay "under the heavy oppression of their Princes; and how conducive the friendship of this Nation had been to their present greatness and Power; and therefore they could not "think, that they would be forward to help to make Them "Slaves, who had been so useful, and Assistant in making "Them Free-men; or that they would forget, that their "troubles and dangers issued from the same Fountain with "their own; and that those who were set a work to undermine Religion, and Liberty in the Kingdom, were the same "who by open force did seek to bereave Them of both. They told them, "It could not be unknown to that wise State, that "it was the Jesuitical Faction in this Kingdom, that had corrupted the Counsels of the King, the Consciences of a great "part of the Clergy; which sought to destroy the Parliament, "and had raised the Rebellion in *Ireland*. They desir'd them therefore, "Not to suffer any more Ordinance, Armour, or "any other Warlike Provision, to be brought over to strengthen "those, who as soon as they should prevail against the Parliament, would use that strength to the ruin of those from "whom they had it.

THEY desir'd them, "They would not send over any of their Country-men to farther Their destruction, who were "sent to them for their preservation; that they would not anticipate

“anticipate the spilling of *English* Blood, in an unnatural Civil
 “War, which had been so chearfully and plentifully hazarded,
 “and spent, in that just and honourable War by which they
 “had been so long preserv’d, and to which the Blood of those
 “Persons, and many other Subjects of this Kingdom was still
 “in a manner dedicated; but rather that they would Cashire,
 “and Discard from their Imployment, those that would pre-
 “sume to come over for that purpose. They told them, “The
 “question between his Majesty and the Parliament, was not
 “whether he should enjoy the same Prerogative, and Power,
 “which had belonged to their former Kings, his Majesty’s
 “Royal Predecessors; but whether that Prerogative, and
 “Power, should be employ’d to their defence, or to their ruin:
 “That it could not be denied by those, who look indifferently
 “on their Proceedings and Affairs, that it would be more ho-
 “nour, and wealth, safety and greatness to his Majesty, in
 “concurring with this Parliament, than in the course in which
 “he now is: But so unhappy had his Majesty, and the King-
 “dom been, in those who had the greatest influence upon his
 “Counsels, that they look’d more upon the prevailing of their
 “own Party, than upon any those great advantages both to
 “his Crown, and Royal Person, which he might obtain by
 “joyning with his People: and so cunning were those Factors
 “for Popery, in prosecution of their own aims, that they
 “could put on a counterfeit Visage of Honour, Peace, and
 “Greatness, upon those courses and counsels, which had no
 “truth, and reality, but of Weakness, Dishonour, and Mife-
 “ries to his Majesty, and the whole Kingdom.

THEY said, “They had lately express’d their earnest incli-
 “nations to that National Love and Amity with the United
 “Provinces, which had been nourish’d and confirm’d by so
 “many civil respects, and mutual interests, as made it so na-
 “tural to them, that they had, this Parliament, in their hum-
 “ble Petition to his Majesty, desired, that they might be
 “joyn’d with that State in a more near and streight League,
 “and Union: And they could not but expect some returns
 “from Them, of the like expressions: and that they would
 “be so far from blowing the fire, which begun to kindle
 “among them, that they would rather endeavour to quench
 “it, by strengthening and encouraging them who had no other
 “design but not to be destroy’d, and to preserve their Reli-
 “gion, save themselves, and the other Reform’d Churches of
 “*Christendom*, from the Massacres and Extirpations, with
 “which the Principles of the Roman Religion did threaten
 “them all; which were begun to be acted in *Ireland*, and in
 “the Hopes, and Endeavours, and Intentions of that Party,
 “had long since been executed upon them, if the Mercy,

"Favour, and Blessing of Almighty God, had not superabounded, and prevented the Subtlety and Malignity of cruel, wicked, and blood-thirsty Men.

WITH this specious dispatch, in which were many other particulars to render the King's cause ungracious, and their own very plausible, their Agent, one *Strickland*, an obscure Gentleman, was receiv'd by the States; and notwithstanding the Queen was then there, and the Prince of *Orange* visibly inclin'd to assist the King with all his Interests, and the Interposition of the King's Resident, did not only hinder the States from giving the least countenance to the King's Cause, but really so corrupted the *English* in the Army, and in that Court, that there was nothing design'd to advance it by the Prince of *Orange* himself (who with great generosity supplied the King with Arms and Ammunition to a very considerable value) or by the private Activity and dexterity of particular Persons, out of their own Fortune, or by the sale or pawning of Jewels, but intelligence was given soon enough to the Parliament, either to get stops, and seizures upon it, by Order of the State, or to intercept the supply by their Navy at Sea. So that much more was in that manner, and by that means, taken and intercepted at Sea, than ever arriv'd at any Port within his Majesty's obedience: of which at that time he had only one, the Harbour of *New-Castle*. With the same success, they sent another Agent to *Brussels*, who prevail'd with *Don Francisco de Melos*, then Governour of *Flanders*, to discountenance always, and sometimes to prevent the preparations which were there making by the King's Ministers. And in *France* they had another Agent, one *Aulquier*, a Man long before in the constant pay of the Crown; who though he was not receiv'd, and avow'd (to put the better varnish upon their Professions to the King) by that Crown, did them more Service than either of the other; by how much more that People had an influence upon the distempers of the Three Kingdoms.

The Inclinations of Foreign Kings, and States, in this cause, between the King and Parliament.

AND as the Parliament made all these Addresses to Foreign States, and Princes, which no Parliament had ever done before, so it will be fit here to take notice how other Princes appear'd concern'd on the King's behalf. The *Spaniard* was sufficiently incensed by the King's reception of the Embassadors of *Portugal*, and, which was more, entering into terms of Amity and League with that Crown, and had therefore contributed notable assistance to the Rebellion in *Ireland*; and sent both Arms and Money thither. And, since the extravagances of this Parliament, the Ambassador of *Spain* had made great application to them.

THE *French*, according to their Nature, were much more active, and more intent upon blowing the fire. The former com-

commotions in *Scotland* had been raised by the special encouragement, if not contrivance of the Cardinal *Richelieu*; who had carefully kept up, and enlarg'd the old Franchises of the *Scots* under that Crown; which made a very specious shew of wonderful grace and benefit, at a distance, to that Nation, and was of little burden to the *French*; and, in truth, of little advantage to those who were in full possession of all those Privileges. Yet, by this means, the *French* have always had a very great influence upon the Affections of that People, and opportunities to work great prejudice to that Crown: As nothing was more visible than that, by the Cardinal's Activity, all those late distempers in *Scotland* were carried on till his death, and by his Rules and Principles, afterwards: The *French* Ministers always making their correspondence, with, and relation to those who were taken notice to be of the *Parvian* Party; which was understood to be in order only to the opposition of those Counsels, which should at any time be offer'd on the behalf of *Spain*.

SINCE the beginning of this Parliament, the *French* Ambassador, Monsieur *la Ferté*, dissembled not to have notable familiarity with those who govern'd most in the two Houses; discover'd to them whatsoever he knew, or could reasonably devise to the prejudice of the King's Counsels and Resolutions; and took all opportunities to lessen, and undervalue the King's Regal Power, by applying himself on publick occasions of State, and in his Master's Name, and to improve his Interest, to the two Houses of Parliament (which had in no Age before been ever known) as in the business of Transportation of Men out of *Ireland*, before remember'd; in which he caused, by the importunity of the two Houses, his Majesty's promise and engagement to the *Spanish* Ambassador, to be render'd of no effect. And, after that, he formally exhibited, in writing, a Complaint to the two Houses against *S^r Thomas Rowe*, his Majesty's extraordinary Ambassador to the Emperor, and Princes of *Germany*, upon the Treaty of an accommodation on the behalf of the Prince Elector and Restitution of the *Palatinate*, confidently avowing, "That *S^r Thomas Rowe* had offer'd, on the King's part, to enter into a League "Offensive and Defensive with the House of *Austria*, and to "wed all their Interests; and, in plain terms, ask'd them, "Whether they had given *S^r Thomas* instructions to that purpose? expressing a great value his Master had of the Affection of the Parliament of *England*; which drew them to a return of much, and unusual Civility, and to assure the *French* King, "That *S^r Thomas Rowe* had no such Instructions from "Them; and that they would examine the truth of it; and "would be careful that nothing should be done, and perfected

“in that Treaty which might reflect upon the good of the *French King*. Whereas in truth there was not the least ground, or pretence for that suggestion; *Sr Thomas Rowe* having never made any such offer, or any thing like it. And when, after his return out of *Germany*, he expostulated with the *French Embassador*, for such an injurious, causeless information, he answer’d, “That his Master had receiv’d such advertisement, and had given him order to do what he did. So that it easily appear’d it was only a fiction of State, whereby they took occasion to publish, that they would take any opportunity to resort to the two Houses, and thereby to flatter them in their usurpation of any Sovereign Authority.

THERE is not a sadder Consideration than this Passion, and Injustice, in Christian Princes (and I pray God the Almighty Justice be not angry, on this account, with the Government of Kings, Princes, and States) that they are seldom so solicitous that the Laws be executed, Justice administred, and Order perform’d within their own Kingdoms, as they are that all three may be disturbed, and confounded amongst their Neighbours. And there is no sooner a spark of Dissention, a discomposure in Affections, a jealousy in Understandings, discern’d to be in a Neighbour Province, or Kingdom, to the hazarding the Peace thereof, but they, though in League and Amity, with their utmost Art and Industry, make it their business to kindle that spark into a flame, and to contract and ripen all unsettled humours, and jealous apprehensions, into a peremptory discontent, and all discontent to Sedition, and all Sedition to open and profess’d Rebellion. And they have rarely so simple satisfaction in their own greatness, or so great a sense and value of God’s blessing upon them, as when they have been Instruments of drawing some notorious Calamity upon their Neighbours. As if the Religion of Princes were nothing but Policy, and that they consider’d nothing more, than to make all other Kingdoms but their own miserable: and because God hath reserv’d them to be try’d only within his own Jurisdiction, and before his own Tribunal, that he means to try them too by other Laws, and Rules, than he hath publish’d to the World for his Servants to walk by. Whereas they ought to consider, that God hath placed them over his People as Examples, and to give countenance to his Laws by their own strict observation of them; and that as their Subjects are to be defended and protected by their Princes, so They themselves are to be assisted and supported by one another; the Function of Kings being an Order by it self: and as a contempt and breach of every Law is, in the Policy of State, an Offence against the Person of the King, because there is a kind of violation offer’d to his Person in the transgression of that

that Rule without which he cannot govern; so the Rebellion of Subjects against their Prince ought to be look'd upon, by all other Kings, as an Assault of their own Sovereignty, and, in some degree, a design against Monarchy it self; and consequently to be suppressed, and extirpated, in what other Kingdom soever it is, with the like concernment as if it were in their own Bowels.

BESIDES these indirect Artifices, and Activity before mention'd in the *French* Ambassador, very many of the *Hugonots* in *France* (with whom this Crown heretofore, it may be, kept too much correspondence) were declar'd Enemies to the King; and, in publick, and in secret, gave all possible Assistance to those whose business was to destroy the Church. And as this Animosity prov'd of unspeakable inconvenience and damage to the King, throughout all these Troubles, and of equal benefit to his Enemies; so the occasion, from whence those disaffections grew, was very unskillfully and imprudently administer'd by the State here. Not to speak of the business of *Rechel*, which, though it stuck deep in all, yet most imputed the Counsels of that time to Men that were dead, and not to a fix'd design of the Court; they had a greater Quarrel, which made them believe, that their very Religion was persecuted by the Church of *England*.

WHEN the Reformation of Religion first begun in *England*, in the time of King *Edward* the Sixth, very many, out of *Germany* and *France*, left their Countries, where the Reformation was severely persecuted, and transplanted themselves, their Families, and Estates, into *England*, where they were receiv'd very hospitably; and that King, with great Piety and Policy, by several Acts of State, granted them many Indemnities, and the free use of Churches in *London* for the exercise of their Religion: whereby the number of them encreased; and the benefit to the Kingdom, by such an access of Trade, and improvement of Manufactures, was very considerable. Which Queen *Elizabeth* finding, and well knowing that other notable uses of them might be made, enlarg'd their Privileges by new Concessions; drawing, by all means, great Numbers over, and suffering them to erect Churches, and to enjoy the exercise of their Religion after their own manner, and according to their own Ceremonies, in all places, where, for the convenience of their Trade, they chose to reside. And so they had Churches in *Norwich*, *Canterbury*, and other places of the Kingdom, as well as in *London*; whereby the Wealth of those places marvellously increased. And besides the benefit from thence, the Queen made use of them in her great Transactions of State in *France*, and the Low Countries, and by the mediation and interposition of those People, kept an useful Interest

terest in that Party, in all the Forreign Dominions where they were tolerated. The same Charters of Liberty were continued and granted to them, during the peaceable Reign of King *James*, and in the beginning of this King's Reign, although, it may be, the Politick Considerations in those Concessions, and Connivances, were neither made use of, nor understood.

SOME few years before these Troubles, when the power of Church-Men grew more transcendent, and indeed the Faculties and Understanding of the Lay Counsellors more dull, lazy, and unactive (for without the last, the first could have done no hurt) the Bishops grew jealous that the countenancing another Discipline of the Church here, by Order of the State (for those Forreign Congregations were govern'd by a Presbytery according to the Custom, and Constitution of those parts of which they had been Natives: the *French*, *Dutch*, and *Walloons*, had the free use of several Churches according to their own Discipline) would at least diminish the Reputation and Dignity of the Episcopal Government, and give some countenance to the Factious, and Schismatical Party in *England* to hope for such a Toleration.

THEN there wanted not some fiery, turbulent, and contentious Persons of the same Congregations, who upon private differences and contests, were ready to inform against their Brethren, and to discover, what, they thought, might prove of most prejudice to them; so that, upon pretence that they far exceeded the Liberties which were granted to them, and that, under the Notion of Forreigners, many *English* separated themselves from the Church, and joyn'd themselves to those Congregations (which possibly was in part true) the Council-Board conniv'd at, or interposed not, whilst the Bishops did some Acts of Restraint, with which those Congregations grew generally discontented, and thought the Liberty of their Consciences to be taken from them; which caused in *London* much complaining of this kind, but much more in the Diocess of *Norwich*; where Dr *Wren*, the Bishop there, passionately, and warmly proceeded against them: so that many left the Kingdom, to the lessening the Wealthy Manufacture there of *Kersey's*, and narrow Cloaths, and, which was worse, transporting that mystery into Forreign Parts.

AND that this might be sure to look like more than what was necessary to the Civil Policy of the Kingdom, whereas, in all former times, the Embassadors, and all Forreign Ministers of State, imploy'd from *England* into any Parts where the Reform'd Religion was exercised, frequented their Churches, gave all possible Countenance to their profession, and held Correspondence with the most active, and powerful Persons

Persons of that relation, and particularly, the Ambassador Leiger at *Paris* had diligently, and constantly frequented the Church at *Charenton*, and held a fair intercourse with those of that Religion throughout the Kingdom, by which they had still receiv'd advantage, that People being industrious and active to get into the secrets of the State, and so deriving all necessary Intelligence to those whom they desir'd to gratify: The contrary to this was now with great industry practiced, and some advertisements, if not instructions, given to the Embassadors there, "To forbear any extraordinary Commerce with the Men of that profession. And the Lord *Scudamore*, who was the last Ordinary Embassador there, before the beginning of this Parliament, whether by the Inclinations of his own Nature, or by Advice from others, not only declin'd going to *Charenton*, but furnish'd his own Chappel, in his House, with such Ornaments (as Candles upon the Communion Table, and the like) as gave great offence, and umbrage to those of the Reformation there, who had not seen the like; besides that he was careful to publish, upon all occasions, by himself, and those who had the nearest relation to him, "That "the Church of *England* look'd not on the *Hugonots* as a part "of their Communion; which was likewise too much, and too industriously discourf'd at home.

THEY of the Church of *England* who committed the greatest errors this way, had, undoubtedly, not the least thoughts of making alterations in it towards the countenancing of Popery, as hath been uncharitably conceiv'd: But (having too just cause given them to dislike the Passion, and Licence, that was taken by some Persons in the Reform'd Churches, under the Notion of Conscience, and Religion, to the disturbance of the Peace of Kingdoms) unskillfully believ'd, that the Total declining the Interest of that Party, where it exceeded the necessary bounds of Reformation, would make this Church of *England* look'd upon with more reverence; and that thereby the Common Adversary, the Papist, would abate somewhat of his arrogance, and superciliousness; and that both Parties, piously considering the Charity which Religion should beget, might, if not unite, yet refrain from the bitterness, and uncharitableness of Contention in matters of Opinion, and agree in the practical duties of Christians and Subjects. Thus, contracting their considerations in too narrow a compass, these Men contented themselves with their Pious Intentions, without duly weighing objections, or the circumstances of Policy. And some of our own Communion, who differ'd with them in opinion in this point, though they were in the right, not giving, and, it may be, not knowing the right reasons, rather confirm'd than reform'd them in their Inclinations: Neither
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of them discerning the true, and substantial grounds of that Policy, upon which that good Correspondence had been founded, which they were now about to change: And so the Church of *England*, not giving the same Countenance to those of the Religion in Foreign Parts, which it had formerly done, no sooner was discern'd to be under a Cloud at home; but those of the Religion abroad, were glad of the occasion to publish their malice against Her, and to enter into the same Conspiracy against the Crown, without which they could have done little hurt to the Church.

Now, to return to the Course of our History; after all discourses and motions for Peace were, for a time, laid aside; and new thoughts of Victory, and utterly subduing the King's Party, again entertain'd; they found one trouble falling upon them which they had least suspected, want of Money; all their vast Sums collected, upon any former Bills, pass'd by the King for the relief of *Ireland*, and payment of the debt to the *Scots*, and all their Money upon Subscriptions of Plate, and Loans upon the Publick Faith, which amounted to incredible proportions, were even quite wasted; and their constant expence was so great, that no Ordinary supply would serve their turn; and they easily discern'd, that their Money only, and not their Cause, procur'd them Soldiers of all kinds; and that they could never support their Power, if their Power was not able to supply them. All voluntary Loans were at an end, and the Publick Faith thought a security not to be rely'd on, and by how much greater the difficulty was, by so much the more fatal would the sinking under it prove; and therefore it was with the more Vigour to be resisted. In the end, they resolv'd upon the thorough execution of their full Sovereign Power, and to let the People see what they might trust to; in which it is necessary to observe the Arts, and Degrees of their motion.

*New ways of
raising Money
by the
two Houses.*

THEY first Order'd, "That Committees should be named in all Counties, to take care for Provisions of Victuals for the Army, and also for the taking up of Horses for Service in the Field, Dragooners and draught Horses, and for borrowing of Money and Plate to supply the Army: and upon Certificate from those Committees (who had power to set what Value or Rates they pleas'd upon these Provisions of any kind) "The same should be enter'd with their Treasurer, "who should hereafter repay the same. It was then alledg'd, "that this would only draw supplies from their Friends, and "the well Affected; and that others, who either liked not "their proceedings, or lov'd their Money better than the Liberty of their Country, would not Contribute. Upon this it was Order'd, "That in case the Owners refused to bring in
" Money,

“Money, Provisions, Plate, and Horse, upon the publick
 “Faith, for the use of the Army; for the better preventing
 “the spoil, and imbezelling of such Provisions of Money,
 “Plate, and Horses, by the disorder of the Soldiers, and that
 “they may not come into the hands of the Enemies, that the
 “Committees, or any two of them, should be authorised,
 “and enabled to send for such Provisions, Money, Plate, and
 “Horses; and to take the same into their Custody, and to set
 “indifferent value and rate upon them; which value they
 “should certifie to the Treasurers, for the proportions to be
 “repaid at such time, and in such manner as should be order’d
 “by both Houses of Parliament.

THIS was done only to shew what they meant to do over
 all *England*, and as a stock of credit to them. For at present
 it would neither supply their wants; neither was it seasonable
 for them, or indeed possible to endeavour the execution of it
 in many Counties. *London* was the place from whence only
 their present help must come. To them therefore they de-
 clar’d, “That the King’s Army had made divers Assessments
 “upon several Counties, and the Subjects were compell’d, by
 “the Soldiers, to pay the same; which Army, if it continued,
 “would soon ruin, and waste the whole Kingdom; and over-
 “throw Religion, Law, and Liberty; That there was no
 “probable way, under God, for the suppressing that Army,
 “and other ill affected Persons, but by the Army raised by
 “the Authority of the Parliament; which Army could not be
 “maintain’d, without great Sums of Money; and for raising
 “such Sums, there could be no Act of Parliament pass’d with
 “his Majesty’s Assent, albeit there was great Justice that such
 “Money should be raised: That, hitherto, the Army had
 “been, for the most part, maintain’d by the voluntary contri-
 “butions of well affected People, who had freely contributed
 “according to their Abilities: That there were divers others
 “within the Cities of *London*, and *Westminster*, and the Su-
 “burbs, that had not contributed at all towards the main-
 “tenance of that Army, or if they had, yet not answerable to
 “their Estates; who notwithstanding receiv’d benefit, and
 “Protection by the same Army, as well as any others; and
 “therefore it was most just, that they should, as well as
 “others, be charg’d to contribute to the maintenance thereof.

UPON these grounds, and reasons, it was ordain’d “By
 “the Authority of Parliament, that *Isaac Pennington*, the then
 “Lord Mayor of *London*, and some other Aldermen, and
 “Citizens, or any four of them, should have Power and Au-
 “thority to Nominate, and Appoint, in every Ward, within
 “the City of *London*, six such Persons as they should think
 “fit, who should have power to enquire of all who had not
 “contri-

" contributed upon the Propositions concerning the raising of
 " Money, Plate, &c. and of such able Men, who had contri-
 " buted, yet not according to their Estates, and Abilities;
 " and those Persons so substituted, or any four of them, within
 " their several Wards and Limits, should have power to Assess
 " all Persons of Ability who had not contributed, and also
 " those who had contributed, yet not according to their Abi-
 " lity, to pay such Sums of Money, according to their Estates,
 " as the Assessors, or any four of them should think reason-
 " able, so as the same exceeded not the twentieth part of their
 " Estates; and to nominate fit Persons for the receipt thereof.
 " And if any Person so Assess'd should refuse to pay the Mo-
 " ney so Assess'd upon him, it should be lawful for the As-
 " sessors, and Collectors, to levy that Sum by way of distress,
 " and sale of the goods of Persons so refusing. And if any
 " Person disdain'd should make resistance; it should be Lawful
 " for the Assessors, and Collectors, to call to their Assistance
 " any of the Train'd-bands of *London*, or any other of his Ma-
 " jesty's Subjects; who were requir'd to be aiding, and assist-
 " ing to them. The Burgesses of *Westminster*, and *Southwark*,
 " and a Committee appointed to that purpose, were to do the
 " same within those Limits, as the other in *London*.

AND that there might be no stratagem to avoid this Tax
 (so strange and unlook'd for) by a second Ordinance in ex-
 planation of the former, They ordain'd, " That, if no sufficient
 " distress could be found for the payment of what should be
 " Assess'd, the Collectors should have power to enquire of any
 " Sum of Money due to those Persons so Assess'd from what
 " Persons soever, for Rents, Goods, or Debts, or for any
 " other thing, or cause whatsoever. And the Collectors had
 " power to receive all such Debts, until the full Value of the
 " Sums so Assess'd, and the Charges in levying or recovering
 " the same should be satisfied: and lest the discovery of those
 " Debts might be difficult, the same Collectors had power to
 " compound for any Rents, Goods, or Debts, due to such
 " Persons so Assess'd, with any Person by whom the same was
 " due, and to give full discharges for the Money so com-
 " pounded for, which should be good and effectual to all pur-
 " poses. And if the Money Assess'd could not be levied by
 " any of these ways, then the Persons Assess'd should be im-
 " prison'd in such places of the Kingdom, and for so long time,
 " as the Committee of the House of Commons for examina-
 " tions should appoint, and order; and the Families of all
 " such Persons so imprison'd should no longer remain within
 " the Cities of *London*, or *Westminster*, the Suburbs, or the
 " Counties adjacent. And all Assessors, and Collectors, should
 " have the protection of both House of Parliament, for their
 " Indemnity

"Indemnity in that Service, and receive allowance for their
"pains, and charges. Several additional, and explanatory Or-
ders they made for the better execution of this grand one,
by every of which some clause of severity, and monstrous
irregularity was added, and for the complement of all, they
order'd that themselves, the Members of either House, should
not be Asses'd by any but themselves.

THE truth is, the King was not sorry to see this Ordi-
nance, which he thought so prodigious, that he should have
been a greater Gainer by it than they that made it; seeing it
was so palpable, and clear a demonstration of the Tyranny
the People were to live under, that they would easily have
discern'd the change of their condition: yet he took so much
pains to awaken his Subjects to a due apprehension of it, and
to apply the thorough consideration of it to them, that he
publish'd a Declaration upon that Ordinance; the which, pre-
sented many things to them, which have since fallen out,
may be, in this place, fit to be insert'd in the King's own
words, which were these:

"I T would not be believ'd (at least great pains have been *His Majesty's*
"taken that it might not) that the pretended Ordinance of *Declara-*
"the Militia (the first attempt that ever was, to make a *tion upon*
"Law by Ordinance, without Our consent) or the keeping *occasion of*
"Us out of *Hull*, and taking Our Arms and Ammunition *the former*
"from Us, could any way concern the Interest, Property, or *Ordinance.*
"Liberty of the Subject: And it was confess'd, by that despe-
"rate Declaration it self of the 26th of *May*, that if they were
"found guilty of that charge of destroying the Title and In-
"terest of Our Subjects to their Lands, and Goods, it were
"indeed a very great crime. But it was a strange fatal Le-
"thargy which had seiz'd Our good People, and kept them
"from discerning that the Nobility, Gentry, and Common-
"alty of *England*, were not only stripp'd of their Preemi-
"nences, and Privileges, but of their Liberties, and Estates,
"when Our just Rights were denied Us; and that no Sub-
"ject could from thenceforth expect to dwell at home, when
"We were driven from our Houses, and Our Towns. It
"was not possible, that a Commission could be granted to
"the Earl of *Essex*, to raise an Army against Us, and, for
"the safety of Our Person, and preservation of the Peace of
"the Kingdom, to pursue, kill, and slay Us, and all who
"with well to Us, but that, in a short time, inferior Com-
"manders, by the same Authority, would require Our good
"Subjects, for the maintenance of the property of the Sub-
"ject, to supply them with such Sums of Money as they
"think fit, upon the penalty of being plunder'd with all ex-
"tremity

“tremity of War (as the Title of *S^t Edward Bainton’s War-*
 “rant runs against Our poor Subjects in *Wilt-shire*) and by
 “such Rules of unlimited Arbitrary Power as are inconsistent
 “with the least pretence or shadow of that property, it would
 “seem to defend.

“If there could be yet any Understanding so unskilful
 “and supine to believe, that these Disturbers of the publick
 “Peace do intend any thing but a general Confusion, they
 “have brought them a sad argument to their own doors to
 “convince them. After this Ordinance and Declaration, it
 “is not in any sober Man’s power to believe himself to be
 “worth any thing, or that there is such a thing as Law, Li-
 “berty, or Property, left in *England*, under the jurisdiction
 “of these Men. And the same power that robs them now of
 “the twentieth part of their Estates, hath, by that, but made
 “a claim, and entituled it self to the other nineteen, when it
 “shall be thought fit to hasten the general Ruin. Sure, if the
 “minds of all Men be not stubbornly prepar’d for Servitude,
 “they will look on this Ordinance, as the greatest Prodigy
 “of Arbitrary Power and Tyranny, that any Age hath brought
 “forth in any Kingdom. Other Grievances (and the great-
 “est) have been conceiv’d intolerable, rather by the Logick
 “and Consequence, than by the pressure it self: This at
 “once sweeps away all that the Wisdom, and Justice of Par-
 “liaments have provided for them. Is their Property in their
 “Estates (so carefully look’d to by their Ancestors, and so
 “amply establish’d by Us, against any possibility of Invasion
 “from the Crown) which makes the meanest Subject as
 “much a Lord of his own as the greatest Peer, to be valued,
 “or consider’d? Here is a twentieth part of every Man’s
 “Estate, or so much as four Men will please to call the twen-
 “tieth part, taken away at once, and yet a power left to
 “take a twentieth still of that which remains: and this to be
 “levied by such circumstances of Severity, as no Act of Par-
 “liament ever consented to.

“Is their Liberty, which distinguishes Subjects from Slaves,
 “and in which this Freeborn Nation hath the advantage
 “of all *Christendom*, dear to them? They shall not only be
 “imprison’d in such places of this Kingdom (a latitude of
 “Judgment no Court can challenge to it self in any Cases)
 “but for so long time, as the Committee of the House of
 “Commons for examination shall appoint and order: The
 “House of Commons it self having never assum’d, or in the
 “least degree pretended to, a power of Judicature; having
 “no more Authority to administer an Oath, the only way to
 “discover and find out the truth of Facts, than to cut off the
 “Heads of any of Our Subjects: And this Committee being
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“So far from being a part of the Parliament, that it is destructive to the Whole, by usurping to it self all the power of King, Lords, and Commons. All who know any thing of Parliaments, know that a Committee of either House ought not, by the Law, to publish their own resuls; neither are their conclusions of any Force, without the confirmation of the House, which hath the same power of controlling them, as if the matter had never been debated. But that any Committee should be so contracted (as this of Examination, a style no Committee ever bore before this Parliament) as to exclude the Members of the House, who are equally trusted by their Country, from being present at their Counsels, is so monstrous to the Privileges of Parliament, that it is no more in the power of any Man to give up that Freedom, than of himself to order, that, from that time, the place for which he Serves shall never more send a Knight or Burges to the Parliament; and in truth is no less than to alter the whole frame of Government, to pull up Parliaments by the Roots; and to commit the Lives, Liberties, and Estates, of all the People of *England* to the Arbitrary power of a few unqualified Persons, who shall dispose thereof according to their discretion, without account to any Rule or Authority whatsoever.

“Are their Friends, their Wives, and Children, the greatest blessings of Peace, and Comforts of Life, precious to them? Would their penury, and imprisonment be less grievous by those Cordials? They shall be divorced from them, banished, and shall no longer remain within the Cities of *London*, and *Westminster*, the Suburbs and the Counties adjacent, and how far those adjacent Counties shall extend no Man knows. Is there now any thing left to enjoy but the Liberty to Rebel, and destroy one another? Are the outward blessings only of Peace, Property, and Liberty, taken and forced from our Subjects? Are their Consciences free and unassaulted by the Violence of these Firebrands? Sure the Liberty and Freedom of Conscience cannot suffer by these Men. Alas! all these punishments are imposed upon them, because they will not submit to actions contrary to their natural Loyalty, to their Oaths of Allegiance, and Supremacy, and to their late voluntary Protestation, which obliges them to the care of Our Person, and Our just Rights.

“How many Persons of Honour, Quality, and Reputation, of the several Counties of *England*, are now imprisoned, without any objections against them, but suspicion of their Loyalty? How many of the gravest, and most substantial Citizens of *London*, by whom the Government and

“Discipline of that City was preserv’d, are disgrac’d, rob-
 “bed, and imprison’d, without any Process of Law, or Co-
 “lour of Accusation, but of obedience to the Law, and Go-
 “vernment of the Kingdom? Whilst *Anabaptists*, and *Brown-*
 “*ists*, with the Assistance of vicious and debauch’d Persons
 “of desperate Fortunes, take upon them to break up and rife
 “Houses, as publick and avow’d Ministers of a new-invented
 “Authority. How many Godly, Pious, and Painful Divines,
 “whose Lives and Learning have made them of Reverend
 “Estimation, are now slander’d with inclination to Popery,
 “discountenanc’d, and imprison’d, for discharging their Con-
 “sciences, instructing the People in the Christian duty of Re-
 “ligion and Obedience? Whilst Schismatical, Illiterate, and
 “Scandalous Preachers, fill the Pulpits and Churches with
 “Blasphemy, Irreverence, and Treason; and incite their Au-
 “ditory to nothing but Murder and Rebellion.

“WE pass over the Vulgar Charm, by which they have
 “captivated such who have been contented to dispense with
 “their Consciences for the Preservation of their Estates, and
 “by which they perswade Men cheerfully to part with this
 “twentieth part of their Estates to the good work in hand.
 “For whosoever will give what he hath, may escape Rob-
 “bing. They shall be repaid upon the Publick Faith, as all
 “other Monies lent upon the Propositions of both Houses.
 “It may be so. But Men must be condemn’d to a strange
 “unthriftiness, who will lend upon such Security. The Pub-
 “lick Faith indeed is as great an earnest as the State can give,
 “and engages the Honour, Reputation, and Honesty of the
 “Nation, and is the Act of the Kingdom. ’Tis the Security
 “of the King, the Lords, and Commons, which can never
 “need an Executor, can never die, never be bankrupt; and
 “therefore We willingly consented to it for the indemnity
 “of Our good Subjects of *Scotland*. (who, We hope, will not
 “think the worse of it for being so often, and so cheaply
 “mention’d since.) But that a Vote of One, or Both Houses,
 “should be an Engagement upon the Publick Faith, is as
 “impossible as that the Committee of the House of Com-
 “mons for Examination should be the High Court of Par-
 “liament.

“AND what is, or can be said, with the least shadow of
 “Reason, to justify these extravagancies? We have not heard
 “lately of the fundamental Laws, which used to Warrant the
 “Innovations: these need a refuge even below those founda-
 “tions. They will say, they cannot manage their great
 “Undertakings without such extraordinary ways. We think
 “so too. But that proves only, they have undertaken some-
 “what they ought not to undertake, not that it is lawful for
 “them

them, so do any thing that is convenient for those ends. We remember'd them long ago, and We cannot do it too often, of that excellent Speech of Mr Pym's: The Law is that which putteth a difference betwixt Good and Evil, Just and Unjust: If you take away the Law, all things will be in a confusion, every Man will become a Law unto himself, which, in the deper'd condition of human Nature, must needs produce many great Enormities. Lust will become a Law, and Envy will become a Law, Covetousness and Ambition will become Laws; and what dictates, what decision such Laws will produce, may easily be discern'd. It may indeed by sad Instances over the whole Kingdom.

But will Posterity believe, that, in the same Parliament, this Doctrine was avow'd with that Acclamation, and these Instances after produced? That, in the same Parliament, such care was taken that no Man should be committed in what case soever, without the cause of his imprisonment respect'd; and that all Men should be immediately Bail'd in all cases Bailable; and, during the same Parliament, that Alderman *Pemington*, or indeed any body else, but the seven Ministers of Justice, should imprison whom they would, and for what they would, and for as long time as they would? That the King should be reproached with breach of Privilege, for accusing *St. John Hosham* of High Treason, when with force of Arms he kept him out of *Hull*, and despised him to his face, because in no case a Member of either House might be committed, or accused without leave of that House of which he is a Member; and yet that during the same Parliament, the same Alderman shall commit the Earl of *Middlesex*, a Peer of the Realm, and the Lord *Buckhurst*, a Member of the House of Commons, to the Counter, without reprehension? That to be a Traitor (which is defin'd, and every Man understands) should be no crime; and to be call'd Malignant, which no body knows the meaning of, should be ground enough for close imprisonment? That a Law should be made, that who soever should presume to take Tonnage and Poundage without an Act of Parliament, should incur the penalty of a Premunire, and in the same Parliament, that the same imposition should be laid upon Our Subjects, and taken by Order of both Houses, without, and against Our consent? Lastly, that, in the same Parliament, a Law should be made to declare the Proceedings, and Judgment upon Shipmony to be illegal, and void; and during that Parliament, that an Order of both Houses shall, upon pretence of necessity, enable four Men to take away the twentieth part of their Estates from all their Neighbours, according to their discretion.

"BUT Our good Subjects will no longer look upon these
 "and the like results, as upon the Counsels and Conclusions
 "of both our Houses of Parliament (though all the world
 "knows, even That Authority can never justify things un-
 "warrantable by the Law) They well know how few of the
 "Persons trusted by them, are trusted at Their consultations;
 "of above five hundred of the Commons; not fourscore; and
 "of the House of Peers, not a fifth part: That they who are
 "present enjoy not the Privilege and Freedom of Parliament;
 "but are besieged by an Army, and awed by the same Tu-
 "mults which drove Us, and their fellow Members from
 "thence, to consent to what some few seditious, schismatical
 "Persons among them do propose. These are the Men,
 "who joining with the *Anabaptists*, and *Brownists* of *Lon-*
 "*don*, first changed the Government and Discipline of that
 "City; and now, by the pride and power of that City, would
 "undo the Kingdom: whilst their Lord Mayor, a Person ac-
 "cused and known to be guilty of High Treason, by a new
 "Legislative Power of his own, suppresses and reviles the
 "Book of Common Prayer, robs and imprisons whom he
 "thinks fit; and, with the Rabble of his Faction, gives Laws
 "to both Houses of Parliament, and tells them, *They will have*
 "*no Accommodation*: whilst the Members sent, and intrusted
 "by their Countries, are expell'd the House, or committed,
 "for refusing, to take the Oath of Association to live and die
 "with the Earl of *Essex*, as very lately *Sr Sydney Mountague*.
 "These are the Men who have presumed to send Embassa-
 "dors, and to enter into Treaties with Foreign States in
 "their own behalf, having at this time an Agent of their own
 "with the States of *Holland*, to negotiate for them upon pri-
 "vate Instructions: These are the Men who not thinking
 "they have yet brought Mischief enough unto this Kingdom,
 "at this time invite, and sollicite our Subjects of *Scotland*,
 "to enter this Land with an Army against Us: In a word,
 "these are the Men who have made this last devouring Or-
 "dinance to take away all Law, Liberty, and Property from
 "our People, and have by it really acted that upon our Peo-
 "ple, which with infinite Malice, and no Colour, or Ground,
 "was laboured to be infused into them, to have been Our in-
 "tention by the Commissions of Array.

"WE have done: What Power and Authority these Men
 "have, or will have, We know not: For Our self, We chal-
 "lenge none such. We look upon the Pressures and Incon-
 "veniencies our good Subjects bear, even by Us, and Our
 "Army (which the Army first raised by them enforced Us
 "to raise in our defence, and their refusal of all offers and
 "desires of Treaty enforceth Us to keep) with very much
 "sadness

"Sincerity of heart. We are so far from requiring a twentieth
 "part of their Estates, though for their own visible preserva-
 "tion, that, as We have already sold or pawn'd our own
 "Jewels, and coin'd our own Plate, so We are willing to sell
 "all our own Lands and Houses for their relief: Yet We do
 "not doubt but Our good Subjects will seriously consider Our
 "Condition, and their own Duties, and think our readiness to
 "protect them with the utmost hazard of our Life, deserves
 "their readiness to assist Us with some part of Their For-
 "tunes; and, whilst other Men give a twentieth part of Their
 "Estates to enable them to forfeit the other nineteen, that
 "they will extend themselves to Us in a liberal, and free por-
 "tion, for the preservation of the rest, and for the mainte-
 "nance of God's true Religion, the Laws of the Land, the Li-
 "berty of the Subject, and the Safety, and very Being of Par-
 "liaments, and this Kingdom: For if all these ever were, or
 "can be, in manifest danger, 'tis now in this present Rebel-
 "lion against Us.

"LASTLY, We will and require all Our Loving Subjects,
 "of what degree or quality soever, as they will Answer it to
 "God, to Us, and to Posterity, by their Oaths of Alle-
 "giance, and Supremacy; as they would not be look'd upon
 "now, and remember'd hereafter, as Betrayers of the Laws
 "and Liberties they were born to; that they in no degree
 "submit to this wild pretended Ordinance, and that they pre-
 "sume not to give any Encouragement, or Assistance to the
 "Army now in Rebellion against Us; which if notwithstand-
 "ing they shall do, they must expect from Us the severest
 "punishment the Law can inflict, and a perpetual Infamy with
 "all good Men.

WHATSOEVER every Man could say to another against
 that Ordinance, and whatsoever the King said to them all
 against it, it did bring in a great supply of Money, and gave
 them a stock of Credit to borrow more; so that the Army
 was again drawn out, though but to Winter Quarters, twenty
 Miles from London, and the Earl of Essex fix'd his head Quar-
 ters at Windsor, to strengthen the King's new Garrison at Read-
 ing, and sent strong Parties still abroad, which got as much
 ground as, at that time of the year, could reasonably be ex-
 pected; that is, brought those adjacent Counties entirely un-
 der the obedience of the Parliament, which would at least
 have kept themselves Neutral: And still perswaded the Peo-
 ple, "That their work was even at an end, and that the King's
 "Forces would be swallow'd up in a very short time: so that
 there was no day, in which they did not publish themselves
 to have obtain'd some notable Victory, or taken some Town,

when in truth each Party wisely abstain'd from disturbing the other: Yet the bulk of their supply came only from the City of London. For, though their Ordinance extended over the whole Kingdom, they had power to execute it only there; for it was not yet time to try the Affections of all places within their own Verge, with the severe exercise of that Authority.

AND therefore divers of the Weakest and most Substantial Citizens of London, observing liberty to be taken by all Men to Petition the Houses, and the multitude of the Petitioners to carry great Authority with them, and from those Multitudes and that Authority, the brand to have been laid upon the City, "Of being an Enemy to Peace, met together and prepared a very modest and moderate Petition to the Houses; in which they desir'd "Such Propositions and Addresses might be made by them to his Majesty, as he might "with his Honour comply with, and thereby a happy Peace ensue; which, being sign'd by many thousand hands, was ready to be presented, but was not receiv'd by the House of Commons, for no other reason publicly given, but "That "it was prepared by a Multitude; and objections were framed against the principal Promoters of it, upon other pretences of Delinquency; so that they were compell'd to forsake the Town, and that Party were, for the present, discountenanced. At the same time the Inhabitants of *Westminster*, *St. Dunstons*, and *Croft-Garden*, who always underwent the Imputation, of being well affected to the King, prepared the like Petition, and met with the same reproach, being strictly inhibited to approach the Houses with more than six in Company. This unequal kind of proceeding added nothing to their Reputation, and they easily discern'd those humors, thus obstructed, would break out the more violently: therefore they again resumed all professions of a desire of Peace, and appointed a Committee to prepare Propositions to be sent to the King to that purpose; and because they found that would be a work of time (for the reasons which will be anon remembered) and that many Arts were to be apply'd to the several Affections, and to wipe out the Imagination that the City desir'd Peace upon any other Terms than they did, and the disadvantage that accrew'd to them by such Imagination, and also to stay the appetite of those who were importunate to have any advance made towards Peace, having procured, by the Activity of their Agents and Ministers, to have such a Common Counsel chosen for the City, as would undoubtedly comply with their desires and designs, they underhand directed their own Mayor to engage that Body in such a Petition to his Majesty, as, carrying the sense and reputation of the whole

whole City, might yet signify nothing to the prejudice of the two Houses; and so a Petition was framed in these words;

To the King's most Excellent Majesty;

The humble Petition of the Mayor Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London.

"Sheweth,

"THAT the Petitioners, your Majesty's most humble and Loyal Subjects, being much pierced with the long and great divisions between your Majesty and both your Houses of Parliament, and with the sad and bloody effects thereof, both here, and in *Ireland*, are yet more deeply wounded by the misapprehension, which your Majesty seemeth to entertain of the Love and Loyalty of this your City; as if there were some cause of fear, or suspicion of danger to your Royal Person if your Majesty should return hither; and that this is made the unhappy bar to that blessed Reconciliation with your Great and most Faithful Council for preventing that desolation, and destruction, which is now most apparently imminent to your Majesty, and all your Kingdoms:

"FOR satisfaction therefore of your Majesty, and clearing of the Petitioners Innocency, they most humbly declare, as formerly they have done, That they are no way conscious of any disloyalty, but abhor all thoughts thereof; and that they are resolv'd to make good their late solemn Protestation, and sacred Vow, made to Almighty God; and, with the last drop of their dearest bloods, to defend, and maintain the true Reform'd Protestant Religion, and, according to the Duty of their Allegiance, your Majesty's Royal Person, Honour, and Estate (whatsoever is maliciously and falsely suggested to your Majesty to the contrary) as well as the Power, and Privileges of Parliament, and the Lawful Rights and Liberty of the Subject: And do hereby engage themselves, their Estates, and all they have, to their utmost Power, to defend and preserve your Majesty, and both Houses of Parliament, from all Tumults, Affronts, and Violence, with as much Loyalty, Love, and Duty, as ever Citizens express'd towards your Majesty, or any of your Royal Progenitors in their greatest Glory.

"THE Petitioners therefore, upon their bended Knees, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, to return to your Parliament (accompanied with your Royal, not Martial Attendance) to the end that Religion, Laws, and Liberties, may be settled, and secured, and whatsoever is amiss in Church, and Common-wealth, Reform'd by their Advice,

“according to the fundamental Constitutions of this Kingdom:
 “And that such a Peace may thereby be obtain’d, as shall be
 “for the Glory of God, the Honour, and Happiness of your
 “Majesty, and Posterity, and Welfare of all your Loyal Sub-
 “jects; who (the Petitioners are fully assur’d) whatsoever is
 “given out to the contrary, do unanimously desire the Peace
 “herein express’d.

THOUGH this Petition was in effect no other than to de-
 sire the King to disband his Army, and to put himself into
 the absolute disposal of the Parliament, and therefore all Wise
 Men concluded that no great Progress would be made by it
 towards Peace; yet so fotted and infatuated were the People,
 that, upon this very Petition, they were prevailed with to
 submit to another Subscription for Money, and Plate, for the
 necessary Provision of Arms, Ammunition, and Pay of their
 Army, until their disbanding and return home to their se-
 veral Counties; that so they might not be occasion’d, through
 want of Pay, to Plunder, Rob, or Pillage by the way home-
 wards, after their discharge and dismissal. So that Men, were
 perswaded that this was now the last Tax they should be in-
 vited to, though every one of those Ordinances and Declara-
 tions loaded the King with some new Calumnies, and Re-
 proaches, that it was plain the Authors of them meant not so
 soon to put themselves under his Subjection.

THIS Petition was about the tenth of *January* 1642, pre-
 sented to the King at *Oxford*, by some Aldermen, and others
 of the Common Council, who were for the most part of mo-
 derate Inclinations. The King consider’d sadly what Answer
 to return; for, albeit it appear’d that the Petition had been
 craftily framed by those who had no thoughts of Peace, and
 that there was no Argument in it to hope any good from that
 People; yet there were to vulgar Understandings, very spe-
 cious and popular Professions of great Piety, and Zeal to his
 Service, and care of his Security; and he was to be very ten-
 der in seeming to doubt the Inclinations, and Affections of
 that City, by whose strength chiefly the War was supported,
 and that strength procured by corrupting those Affections:
 And therefore the King was not sorry to have this opportu-
 nity of saying somewhat, and communicating himself freely to
 the City, being perswaded, that the ill they did, proceeded
 rather from misinformation than any general, or habitual Ma-
 lice in them. All his Proclamations, Messages, and Declara-
 tions, had been with so much industry suppress’d there, that
 they were not in truth generally inform’d of the matter of
 Fact, and the Justice of the King’s Cause; and therefore he
 was perswaded that if he enlarged himself, in his Answer to
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Of the Rebellion, &c.

III

this Petition, and expos'd those few Men who were most notoriously Malignant against the Government of the Church and State, and who were generally known to be so, to the knowledge of the People, that it would at least lessen their Power and Ability to do hurt; and so he resolv'd to return an Answer to them in these words :

“THAT his Majesty doth not entertain any misapprehension of the Love, and Loyalty of his City of *London*; as he hath always express'd a singular regard and esteem of the Affections of that City, and is still desirous to make it his chief place of Residence, and to continue, and renew many Marks of his Favour to it; so he believes, much the better and greater part of that his City is full of Love, Duty, and Loyalty to his Majesty; and that the Tumults which heretofore forced his Majesty, for his safety, to leave that place, though they were contriv'd and encourag'd by some principal Members thereof (who are since well known, though they are above the reach of Justice) consisted more of desperate Persons of the Suburbs, and the neighbouring Towns (who were misled too by the cunning and malice of their Seducers) than of the Inhabitants of that City. He looks on his good Subjects there as Persons groaning under the same burden which doth oppress his Majesty, and aw'd by the same Persons who begot those Tumults, and the same Army which gave Battle to his Majesty: And therefore, as no good Subject can more desire from his Soul, a composeure of the general Distractions; so no good Citizen can more desire the establishment of the particular Peace, and Prosperity of that place, by his Majesty's access thither, than his Majesty himself doth.

“BUT his Majesty desires his good Subjects of *London*, seriously to consider, what confidence his Majesty can have of security there, whilst the Laws of the Land are so notoriously despised, and trampled under foot, and the wholesome Government of that City, heretofore so famous over all the World, is now submitted to the Arbitrary Power of a few desperate Persons, of no reputation; but for malice and disloyalty to Him; whilst Arms are taken up, not only without, but against His Consent, and express Command, and Collections publickly made, and Contributions avow'd, for the maintenance of the Army which hath given him Battle, and therein used all possible means, Treason and Malice could suggest to them, to have taken his Life from him, and to have destroy'd his Royal Issue; whilst such of his Majesty's Subjects, who out of Duty and Affection to his Majesty, and Compassion of their bleeding Country, have labour'd for
“Peace,

"Peace, are reviled, injured, and murder'd, even by the
 "Magistrates of that City, or by their Directions: Lastly
 "what hopes his Majesty can have of safety there, whilst Al-
 "derman *Pennington*, their pretended Lord Mayor, the prin-
 "cipal Author of those Calamities which so nearly threaten
 "the ruin of that famous City, *Ven, Foulke*, and *Manwaring*,
 "all Persons notoriously guilty of Schism and High Treason,
 "commit such Outrages, in Oppressing, Robbing, and Impri-
 "soning, according to their discretion, all such his Majesty's
 "Loving Subjects, whom they are pleas'd to suspect for, but
 "willing well to his Majesty.

"AND his Majesty would know, whether the Petitioners
 "believe, that the reviling, and suppressing the Book of Com-
 "mon Prayer, establish'd in this Church ever since the Refor-
 "mation, the discountenancing and imprisoning godly, learn-
 "ed, and painful Preachers, and the cherishing and counte-
 "nancing of *Brownists*, *Anabaptists*, and all manner of Secta-
 "ries; be the way to defend and maintain the true Reform'd
 "Protestant Religion? That to comply with, and assist Per-
 "sons who have actually attempted to kill his Majesty, and to
 "allow, and favour Libels, Pasquils, and Seditious Sermons
 "against his Majesty, be to defend his Royal Person, and Ho-
 "nour, according to the duty of their Allegiance? Whether
 "to imprison Mens Persons, and to plunder their Houses,
 "because they will not Rebel against his Majesty, nor assist
 "those that do; whether to destroy their property by taking
 "away the twentieth part of their Estates from them, and by
 "the same Arbitrary Power, to refer to four Standers-by, of
 "their own Faction, to judge what that twentieth part is, be
 "to defend the Lawful Rights, and Liberties of the Subject?
 "And if they think these Actions to be instances of either;
 "whether they do not know the Persons before-named to be
 "guilty of them all? Or whether they think it possible that
 "Almighty God can bless that City, and preserve it from de-
 "struction, whilst Persons of such known guilt, and wicked-
 "ness, are defended, and justified among them, against the
 "power of that Law, by which they can only subsist.

"His Majesty is so far from suffering himself to be in-
 "censed against the whole City, by the Actions of these ill
 "Men, though they have hitherto been so prevalent, as to
 "make the Affections of the rest of little use to him; and is
 "so willing to be with them, and to protect them, that the
 "Trade, Wealth, and Glory thereof, so decayed and eclipsed
 "by these publick distractions; may again be the Envy of all
 "Forreign Nations, that he doth once more graciously offer
 "his free and general Pardon to all the Inhabitants of that his
 "City of *London*, the Suburbs and City of *Westminster* (except
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“ the Persons formerly excepted by his Majesty) if they shall
 “ yet return to their Duty, Loyalty, and Obedience. And
 “ if his good Subjects of that his City of *London* shall first so-
 “ lemnly declare, that they will defend the known Laws of
 “ the Land, and will submit to, and be govern’d by, no other
 “ Rule; if they shall first manifest, by defending themselves,
 “ and maintaining their own Rights, Liberties, and Interests;
 “ and suppressing any Force and Violence unlawfully raised
 “ against those and his Majesty, their power to defend, and
 “ preserve him from all Tumults, Affronts, and Violence;
 “ Lastly, if they shall apprehend, and commit to safe custody,
 “ the Persons of those four Men who enrich themselves by the
 “ spoil, and oppression of his Loving Subjects, and the ruin
 “ of the City, that his Majesty may proceed against them by
 “ the Course of Law, as guilty of High Treason; his Majesty
 “ will speedily return to them with his Royal, and without
 “ his Martial Attendance, and will use his utmost endeavours,
 “ that they may hereafter enjoy all the blessings of Peace and
 “ Plenty; and will no longer expect Obedience from them;
 “ than he shall, with all the faculties of his Soul, labour in
 “ the preserving, and advancing the true Reform’d Protestant
 “ Religion, the Laws of the Land, the Liberty and Property
 “ of the Subjects, and the just Privileges of Parliament: —
 “ If, notwithstanding all this, the Art, and Interest of these
 “ Men can prevail so far, that they involve more Men in
 “ their guilt, and draw that his City to sacrifice its present
 “ happiness, and future hopes, to their Pride, Fury, and Ma-
 “ lice, his Majesty shall only give them this warning; That
 “ whosoever shall hereforward take up Arms, without His
 “ consent, contribute any Money, or Plate, upon what pretence
 “ of Authority soever, for maintenance of the Army under the
 “ Command of the Earl of *Essex*; or any other Army in Re-
 “ bellion against him, or shall pay Tonnage and Poundage,
 “ till the same shall be settled by Act of Parliament, every
 “ such Person must expect the severest punishment the Law
 “ can inflict; and, in the mean time, his Majesty shall seize
 “ upon any part of his Estate, within his power, for the Relief
 “ and Support of Him and his Army, raised and maintained
 “ for the defence of his Person, the Laws, and this his King-
 “ dom: And since he denies to his Majesty the duty and be-
 “ nefit of his Subjection, by giving Assistance to Rebels, which,
 “ by the known Laws of the Land, is High Treason; his Ma-
 “ jesty shall likewise deny Him the benefit of his Protection,
 “ and shall not only signify to all his Foreign Ministers, that
 “ such Person shall receive no advantage by being his Subject,
 “ but shall, by all other ways and means, proceed against him
 “ as a publick Enemy to his Majesty, and this Kingdom.

“ Y E T

“YET his Majesty hopes, and doubts not, but his good Subjects of *London* will call to mind the Acts of their Predecessors, the Duty, Affection, Loyalty, and Merit towards their Princes, the Renown they have had with all Posterity for, and the blessing of Heaven which always accompanied, those Virtues; and will consider the perpetual scorn and infamy which unavoidably will follow Them and their Children, if infinitely the meaner part in Quality, and much the lesser part in Number, shall be able to alter the Government, so admirably establish’d, destroy the Trade so excellently settled, and to waste the Wealth so industriously gotten, of that flourishing City: And they will easily gather up the Courage and Resolution to joyn with his Majesty in defence of that Religion, Law, and Liberty, which hitherto hath, and only can, make Themselves, his Majesty, and his Kingdom, happy.

“FOR concurring with the Advice of his two Houses of Parliament, which, with reference to the Common-wealth, may be as well at this distance, as by being at *White-Hall*, his Majesty doubts not, but his good Subjects of *London* well know, how far, beyond the example of his Predecessors, his Majesty hath concurr’d with their Advice, in passing of such Laws, by which he willingly parted with many of his known Rights, for the benefit of his Subjects; which the fundamental Constitutions of this Kingdom did not oblige him to consent unto; and hath used all possible means to beget a right understanding between them: And will therefore apply themselves to those who by making Just, Peaceable, and Honourable Propositions to his Majesty can only beget that concurrence.

THIS Answer the King sent by a Servant of his own, supposing, that if he sent by the Messengers who brought the Petition, it might either be suppress’d, or not communicated in that manner as He desired. Besides, the Messengers themselves, after the King had caused it to be read to them, were very well contented that it should be deliver’d by other hands than theirs. So they promised his Majesty, that they would procure a Common Hall (which is the most general Assembly of the City, the meanest Person being admitted) to be call’d assoon as they return’d; where his Messenger might deliver it: And having been graciously used by the King and the Court, after two days stay, they return’d from *Oxford* together with the Gentleman sent by his Majesty. When they came to *London*, the contents of the Answer were quickly known, though not deliver’d; and the two Houses made an Order, “That the Lord Mayor should not call a
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"Common Hall, till he receiv'd farther direction from Them. So that, though the Gentleman, sent by the King, often solicited the Lord Mayor, "That he would call a Common Hall, at which he was to deliver a Message from the King, many days passed before any Orders were issued to that purpose.

At last, a day was appointed, and, at the same time, a Committee of the Lords and Commons were sent to be present, to see that it might not have such a reception, as might render their interest suspected. As soon as the Gentleman sent by the King had read his Majesty's Answer, the Earl of *Manchester* told them, "Of the high value the Parliament had of the City; that they had consider'd of those wounding Aspersions, which, in that Answer, were cast upon Persons of such eminent Affection in their City, and upon others, of great Fidelity and Trust among them: That they own'd themselves to be equally interest'd in all things that concern'd them, and would stand by them with their Lives, and Fortunes, for the Preservation of the City in general, and those Persons in Particular who had been Faithful, and deserv'd well both of the Parliament, and Kingdom. And they would pursue all means with their Lives and Fortunes, that might be for the preservation of that City, and for the procuring of Safety, Happiness, and Peace, to the whole Kingdom.

"As soon as his Lordship had finish'd his Oration, which was receiv'd with marvellous Acclamations, M^r Pym enlarg'd himself, in a Speech then printed, upon the several parts of the King's Answer (for it was so long before it was deliver'd, that the printed Copies from *Oxford*, which were printed there after the Messenger was gone so long that all Men concluded it was deliver'd, were publick and in all hands) and told them the sense of the two Houses of Parliament, upon every part of it. Among the rest, "That the demanding the Lord Mayor, and the other three Citizens, was against the Privilege of Parliament (two of them being Members of the House of Commons) and most dishonourable to the City, that the Lord Mayor of *London* should be subjected to the violence of every base Fellow; and that they should be commanded to deliver up their chief Magistrates, and such eminent Members of the City, to the King's pleasure, only because they had done their duty, in adhering to the Parliament, for the defence of the Kingdom.

He told them, "That, to the objection that the Government of the City had been manag'd by a few desperate Persons, and that they did exercise an Arbitrary Power, the two Houses gave them this Testimony, that they had, in
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"most of the great occasions concerning the Government of
 "the City, follow'd Their direction: and that direction which
 "the Parliament had given; They had executed; and they
 "must, and would maintain to be such, as stood with Their
 "honour in giving it, and the others trust, and fidelity in
 "performing it.

"To the objection, "That the Property of the Subject was
 "destroy'd; by taking away the twentieth part by an Arbit-
 "rary Power, he told them, "that That Ordinance did not
 "require a twentieth part, but did limit the Assessors that
 "they should not go beyond a twentieth part, and that was
 "done by a Power deriv'd from both Houses of Parliament;
 "the Lords, who had an hereditary Interest in making of
 "Laws in this Kingdom; and the Commons, who were elect-
 "ed and chosen to represent the whole Body of the Com-
 "monalty, and trusted, for the good of the People, when
 "ever they see cause, to charge the Kingdom. He said far-
 "ther, "That the same Law which did enable the two Houses
 "of Parliament to raise Forces to maintain, and defend
 "the safety of Religion; and of the Kingdom, did likewise
 "enable them to require contributions whereby those Forces
 "might be maintain'd; or else it were a vain power to raise
 "Forces, if they had not a power likewise to maintain them
 "in that Service for which they were raised. He observ'd,
 "that it was reported, that the King declar'd he would send
 "some Messengers to observe their carriage in the City, and
 "what was done among them: the Parliament had just cause
 "to doubt, that those would be Messengers of sedition, and
 "trouble, and therefore desir'd them to observe and find them
 "out, that they might know who they were. He concluded
 "with "Commending unto their consideration, the great dan-
 "ger that they were all in; and that the danger could not be
 "kept off, in all likelihood, but by the Army that was then
 "on foot; and assur'd them, "That the Lords and Commons
 "were so far from being frighted by any thing, in that An-
 "swer, that they had for Themselves, and the Members of
 "both Houses, declar'd a further contribution, towards the
 "maintenance of that Army; and could not but hope, and
 "desire, that the City, which had shew'd so much good affe-
 "ction in the former necessities of the State, would be sensi-
 "ble of their own, and of the condition of the whole King-
 "dom, and add to that which they had already done, some
 "farther Contribution, whereby that Army might be main-
 "tain'd for all their safeties.

"Whether the solemnity for the reception of this Mes-
 sage after it was known what the contents were, and the bring-
 ing so great a Guard of arm'd Men to the place where it was
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to be deliver'd, frighted the well affected Party of the City from coming thither, or frighted them, when they were there, from expressing those Affections, I know not. But it is certain, these Speeches and Discourses were receiv'd, and entertain'd with all imaginable applause, and that meeting was concluded with a general Acclamation, "That they would live and die with the Houses, and other expressions of that nature. So that all thoughts of farther Address, or compliance with his Majesty from the City, were so entirely and absolutely laid aside, that the Licence of Seditious and Treasonable discourses daily encreas'd; insomuch, that complaint being made to the then Lord Mayor, that a certain desperate Person, had said, "That he hop'd shortly to wash his hands in the King's blood, that Minister of Justice refus'd to send any Warrant, or to give any direction to any Officer, for the apprehension of him. This was the success of that Petition, and Answer.

THE Houses now began to speak Themselves, of sending Propositions to the King for Peace. For, how great soever the compliance seem'd with them from the City, or the Country, they well enough discern'd that compliance was generally upon the hope and expectation that they would procure a speedy Peace. And they had now procured That to pass both Houses, which they only wanted, the Bill for the extirpation of Episcopacy: in the doing whereof, they used marvellous Art, and Industry. They who every day did somewhat, how little soever then taken notice of, to make Peace impossible, and resolv'd, that no Peace could be safe for Them, but such a one as would be unsafe for the King, well enough knew that they should never be able to hold up, and carry on the War against the King in *England*, but by the help of an Army out of *Scotland*; which they had no hope to procure but upon the Stock of the Alteration of the Government of the Church; to which that Nation was violently inclin'd. But to compass That, was very difficult; very much the Major part, even of those Members who still continued with them, being cordially Affected to the Government establish'd, at least not Affected to any Other. To those therefore, who were so far engaged as to desire to have it in Their power to compel the King to consent to such a Peace as they desired, they represented, "The consequence of getting the "Scots to declare for them; which would more terrify the "King, and keep the Northern parts in Subjection more, "than any Forces they should be able to raise: That it was "impossible to draw such a Declaration from them, without "first declaring themselves that they would alter the Government by the Bishops; which that People pretended to "believe

"believe the only justifiable ground to take up Arms. To others, which was indeed their publick, and avow'd, and current Argument in Debates, they alledg'd, "That they could not expect that any Peace would be effected by the King's free concurrence to any Message they could send to him, but that it must arise, and result from a Treaty between them, upon such Propositions as either Party would make upon their own Interest: that it could not be expected that such Propositions would be made on either side, as would be pertinaciously insisted on by them who made them; it being the course, in all Affairs of this Nature, to ask more than was expected to be consented to; that it concern'd Them as much, to make demands of great Moment to the King, from which they meant to recede, as others upon which they must insist: that all Men knew the inclination and affection the King had to the Church, and therefore if he saw That in danger, he would rescue it at any price, and very probably their departing from their Proposition concerning the Church, might be the most powerful Argument to the King, to gratify them with the Militia.

Commissioners sent to the King with Propositions of Peace about the end of January.

By these Artifices, and especially by concluding obstinately, "That no Propositions should be sent to the King for Peace, till the Bill for extirpation of Bishops was pass'd the Lords House (where it would never otherwise have been submitted to) they had their desire, and, about the end of January, they sent the Earls of *Northumberland, Pembroke, Salisbury*, and *Holland*, with eight Members of the Commons to *Oxford*, with their Petition and Propositions. And here I cannot omit one Stratagem, which, at that time, occasion'd some Mirth. The Common people of *London* were perswaded, "That there was so great scarcity of Victual and Provisions at *Oxford*, and in all the King's Quarters, that they were not without danger of starving; and that, if all other ways fail'd, That alone would in a short time bring the King to them. To make good this report, Provisions of all kinds, even to Bread, were sent in Wagons, and on Horses from *London* to *Oxford*, for the supply of this Committee: when without doubt, they found as great plenty of all things where they came, as they had left behind them. The Petition presented to his Majesty with the Propositions were in these words, at the presentation, read by the Earl of *Northumberland*.

The humble desires, and Propositions of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, tender'd to his Majesty.

"W E your Majesty's most humble and faithful Subjects,
"the Lords and Commons in Parliament Assembled, having
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“in our thoughts the glory of God, your Majesty’s honour,
 “and the prosperity of your People, and being most grievously
 “afflicted with the pressing Miseries and Calamities, which
 “have overwhelm’d your two Kingdoms of *England*, and
 “*Ireland*, since your Majesty hath, by the perswasion of evil
 “Counsellors, withdrawn your self from the Parliament,
 “rais’d an Army against it, and, by force thereof, protect’d
 “Delinquents from the justice of it, constraining Us to take
 “Arms for the defence of Our Religion, Laws, Liberties,
 “Privileges of Parliament, and for the sitting of the Parlia-
 “ment in safety; which fears and dangers are continued, and
 “increas’d, by the raising, drawing together, and arming of
 “great Numbers of Papiists, under the Command of the Earl
 “of *New-Castle*; likewise by making the Lord *Herbert of Rag-*
 “*land*, and other known Papiists, Commanders of great
 “Forces, whereby many grievous oppressions, rapines, and
 “cruelties have been, and are daily exercised upon the Per-
 “sons and Estates of your People, much innocent blood hath
 “been spilt, and the Papiists have attain’d means of attempting,
 “with hopes of effecting, their mischievous designs of root-
 “ing out the Reform’d Religion, and destroying the Profes-
 “sors thereof: In the tender sense, and compassion of these
 “Evils, under which your People, and Kingdom lie (accord-
 “ing to the duty, which We owe to God, your Majesty, and
 “the Kingdom, for which we are trusted) do most earnestly
 “desire, that an end may be put to these great distempers and
 “distractions, for the preventing of that desolation which doth
 “threaten all your Majesty’s Dominions. And as We have
 “render’d, and still are ready to render to your Majesty that
 “Subjection, Obedience, and Service, which We owe unto
 “you, so We most humbly beseech your Majesty, to remove
 “the causes of this War, and to vouchsafe Us that Peace and
 “Protection, which We, and Our Ancestors have formerly
 “enjoyed under your Majesty, and your Royal Predecessors,
 “and graciously to accept, and grant these Our most humble
 “Desires and Propositions:

1. “THAT your Majesty will be pleas’d to disband your
 “Armies, as We likewise shall be ready to disband all those
 “Forces, which We have rais’d; and that you will be pleas’d
 “to return to your Parliament.

2. “THAT you will leave Delinquents to a Legal Tryal,
 and Judgment of Parliament.

3. “THAT the Papiists may not only be disbanded, but
 “disarm’d according to Law.

4. “THAT your Majesty will be pleas’d to give your
 “Royal Assent unto the Bill for taking away the superstitious
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“Innovations; to the Bill for the utter abolishing, and
 “taking away of all Arch-Bishops, Bishops, their Chancellors,
 “and Commissaries, Deans, Sub-Deans, Deans and Chapters,
 “Arch-Deacons, Canons, and Prebendaries, and all Chaunters,
 “Chancellors, Treasurers, Sub-Treasurers, Succentors, and Sa-
 “cristts, and all Vicars-Choral, Choristers, old Vicars, and new
 “Vicars of any Cathedral or Collegiate Church, and all other
 “their under-Officers, out of the Church of *England*: to the
 “Bill against scandalous Ministers; to the Bill against Plu-
 “ralities; and to the Bill for consultation to be had with
 “Godly, Religious, and Learned Divines. That your Majesty
 “will be pleased to promise to pass such other good Bills for
 “settling of Church Government, as upon Consultation with
 “the Assembly of the said Divines, shall be resolv’d on by both
 “Houses of Parliament, and by them presented to your Majesty.

5. “THAT your Majesty having exprest, in your Answer
 “to the Nineteen Propositions of both Houses of Parliament,
 “an hearty Affection and Intention for the rooting out of
 “Popery out of this Kingdom; and that, if both the Houses
 “of Parliament can yet find a more effectual course to disable
 “Jesuits, Priests, and Popish Recusants, from disturbing the
 “State, or eluding the Laws, that you would willingly give
 “your consent unto it; that you would be graciously pleas’d,
 “for the better Discovery, and speedier Conviction of Re-
 “cusants, that an Oath may be establish’d by Act of Parlia-
 “ment, to be administer’d in such manner as by both Houses
 “shall be agreed on; wherein they shall abjure and renounce
 “the Pope’s Supremacy, the Doctrine of Transubstantiation,
 “Purgatory, Worshipping of the Consecrated Host, Cruci-
 “fixes, and Images: and the refusing the said Oath, being
 “tender’d in such manner as shall be appointed by Act of
 “Parliament, shall be a sufficient Conviction in Law of Re-
 “cusancy. And that your Majesty will be graciously pleas’d
 “to give your Royal Assent unto a Bill, for the Education of
 “the Children of Papists by Protestants in the Protestant Re-
 “ligion. That for the more effectual execution of the Laws
 “against Popish Recusants, your Majesty will be pleased to
 “consent to a Bill, for the true Levying of the Penalties a-
 “gainst them; and that the same Penalties may be levied,
 “and disposed of in such manner as both Houses of Parlia-
 “ment shall agree on, so as your Majesty be at no loss; and
 “likewise to a Bill, whereby the practice of Papists against
 “the State may be prevented, and the Law against them duly
 “executed.

6. “THAT the Earl of *Bristol* may be remov’d from your
 “Majesty’s Councils; and that both He, and the Lord *Her-*
 “*bert*, eldest Son to the Earl of *Worcester*, may likewise be
 “restrain’d

“restrain’d from coming within the Verge of the Court; and
“that they may not bear any Office, or have any Employ-
“ments concerning State or Common-wealth.

7. “THAT your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by Act
“of Parliament, to settle the Militia both by Sea and Land,
“and for the Forts and Ports of the Kingdom; in such a man-
“ner as shall be agreed on by both Houses.

8. “THAT your Majesty will be pleased, by your Letters
“Patents, to make *Sr John Brampton*, Chief Justice of the
“Court of King’s Bench; *William Lenthall* Esquire, the now
“Speaker of the Common’s House, Master of the Rolls; and
“to continue the Lord Chief Justice *Banks*, Chief Justice of
“the Court of Common Pleas; and likewise to make Mr Ser-
“jeant *Wild*, Chief Baron of your Court of Exchequer; and
“that Mr Justice *Bacon* may be continued; and Mr Ser-
“jeant *Rolls*, and Mr Serjeant *Atkins*, made Justices of the
“King’s Bench: That Mr Justice *Reeves*, and Mr Justice *Re-*
“*ster*, may be continued; and Mr Serjeant *Pheasant*, made
“one of the Justices of your Court of Common Pleas; That
“Mr Serjeant *Creswell*, Mr *Samuel Brown*, and Mr *John Pu-*
“*leston*, may be Barons of the Exchequer; and that all these,
“and all the Judges of the same Courts, for the time to
“come, may hold their places by Letters Patents under the
“Great Seal, *Quamdiu se bene gesserint*: And that the several
“Persons not before named, that do hold any of these places
“before mention’d, may be remov’d.

9. “THAT all such Persons, as have been put out of the
“Commissions of Peace; or *Oyer and Terminer*, or from being
“*Custodes Rotulorum*, since the first day of April 1642 (other
“than such as were put out by desire of both or either of the
“Houses of Parliament) may again be put into those Com-
“missions, and Offices; and that such Persons may be put out
“of those Commissions, and Offices, as shall be excepted
“against by both Houses of Parliament.

10. “THAT your Majesty will be pleased to pass the Bill
“now presented to your Majesty, to vindicate and secure the
“Privileges of Parliament, from the ill consequence of the
“late Precedent in the Charge and proceeding against the
“Lord *Kimbolton*, now Earl of *Manchester*, and the five Mem-
“bers of the House of Commons.

11. “THAT your Royal Assent may be given unto such
“Acts as shall be advised by both Houses of Parliament, for
“the satisfying and paying the Debts, and Damages, wherein
“the two Houses of Parliament have engaged the Publick
“Faith of the Kingdom.

12. “THAT your Majesty will be pleased, according to a
“gracious Answer heretofore receiv’d from you, to enter into
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“a more strict Alliance with the States of the united Pro-
 “vinces, and other Neighbour Princes, and States of the Pro-
 “testant Religion, for the defence and maintenance thereof
 “against all designs and attempts of the Popish, and Jesuitical
 “Faction, to subvert and suppress it; whereby your Subjects
 “may hope to be free from the mischiefs which this Kingdom
 “hath endured, through the Power which some of that Party
 “have had in your Counsels; and will be much encouraged,
 “in a Parliamentary way, for your Aid and Assistance in re-
 “storing your Royal Sister, and the Prince Elector, to those
 “Dignities and Dominions which belong unto them; and re-
 “lieving the other Protestant Princes who have suffer’d in the
 “same Cause.

13. “THAT in the general Pardon which your Majesty
 “hath been pleased to offer to your Subjects, all Offences and
 “Misdemeanours committed before the 10th of *January* 1641,
 “which hath been or shall be question’d, or proceeded a-
 “gainst in Parliament, upon Complaint in the House of
 “Commons, before the 10th of *January* 1643, shall be ex-
 “cepted; which Offences, and Misdemeanours shall neverthe-
 “less be taken, and adjudged to be fully discharged against
 “all other inferior Courts. That likewise there shall be an
 “exception of all Offences committed by any Person or Per-
 “sons, which hath, or have had, any hand or practice in the
 “Rebellion of *Ireland*; which hath, or have given, any
 “Counsel, Assistance, or Encouragement to the Rebels there,
 “for the maintenance of that Rebellion; as likewise an ex-
 “ception of *William* Earl of *New-Castle*, and *George* Lord *Digby*.

14. “THAT your Majesty will be pleased to restore such
 “Members of either House of Parliament to their several
 “places of Services, and Employment, out of which they
 “have been put since the beginning of this Parliament; that
 “they may receive satisfaction, and reparation for those places,
 “and for the profits which they have lost by such removals,
 “upon the Petition of both Houses of Parliament: And that
 “all others may be restored to their Offices, and Employ-
 “ments, who have been put out of the same upon any dis-
 “pleasure conceiv’d against them, for any Assistance given to
 “both Houses of Parliament, or Obeying their Commands,
 “or forbearing to leave their Attendance upon the Parliament
 “without Licence; or for any other occasion, arising from
 “these unhappy differences betwixt your Majesty and both
 “Houses of Parliament, upon the like Petition of both Houses.

“THESE things being granted, and perform’d, as it hath
 “always been our hearty Prayer, so shall We be enabled to
 “make it our hopeful Endeavour, that your Majesty, and
 “your People, may enjoy the blessings of Peace, Truth, and
 “Justice;

“Justice; the Royalty and Greatness of your Throne may
“be supported by the Loyal, and Bountiful Affections of
“your People; Their Liberties, and Privileges, maintain’d by
“your Majesty’s Protection, and Justice; and this publick Ho-
“nour, and Happiness of your Majesty, and all your Domi-
“nions, communicated to other Churches, and States of your
“Alliance, and deriv’d to your Royal Posterity, and the fu-
“ture Generations of this Kingdom for ever.

THEY who brought this Petition and Propositions, spake
to their Friends at *Oxford* with all freedom of the Persons
from whom they came; inveighed against “Their Tyranny,
“and Unreasonableness, and especially against the Proposi-
tions themselves had brought; but positively declar’d, “That
“if the King would vouchsafe so gracious an Answer (which
“They confess’d they had no reason to expect) as might en-
“gage the two Houses in a Treaty, it would not be then in
“the power of the Violent Party to deny whatsoever his Ma-
“jesty could reasonably desire. However (though the King
expected little from those private undertakings, well know-
ing, that they who with’d best, were of least power, and
that the greatest among them, as soon as they were but sus-
pected to incline to Peace, immediately lost their Reputation)
his Majesty, within two days, graciously dismissed those Mes-
sengers with this Answer.

“IF his Majesty had not given up all the faculties of his
“Soul to an earnest endeavour of Peace, and Reconciliation
“with his People; or if he would suffer himself, by any Pro-
“vocation, to be drawn to a sharpness of Language, at a time
“when there seems somewhat like an Overture of Accom-
“modation, he could not but resent the heavy Charges upon
“him in the Preamble of these Propositions; would not suf-
“fer himself to be reproach’d, with protecting of Delin-
“quents, by force, from Justice (his Majesty’s desire having
“always been, that all Men should be try’d by the known
“Law, and having been refused it) with raising an Army
“against his Parliament, and to be told that Arms have been
“taken up against Him for the defence of Religion, Laws,
“Liberties, and Privileges of Parliament, and for the sisting
“of the Parliament in safety, with many other particulars in
“that Preamble so often and so fully answer’d by his Ma-
“jesty, without remembering the World, of the Time, and
“Circumstances of raising those Arms against Him; when
“his Majesty was so far from being in a Condition to invade
“other Men’s Right, that he was not able to maintain, and
“defend his own from Violence; and without telling his
“good Subjects, that their Religion (the true Protestant Re-
“ligion

“ligion, in which his Majesty was born, hath faithfully liv’d,
 “and to which He will die a willing Sacrifice) their Laws,
 “Liberties, Privileges, and Safety of Parliament, were so
 “amply settled, and establish’d, or offer’d to be so by his
 “Majesty, before any Army was rais’d against Him, and long
 “before any rais’d by Him for his defence, that if nothing
 “had been desir’d but that Peace and Protection which his
 “Subjects, and their Ancestors, had in the best times enjoy’d,
 “under his Majesty, or his Royal Predecessors, this mis-
 “understanding and distance between his Majesty and his
 “People, and this general Misery and distraction upon the
 “face of the whole Kingdom, had not been now the dis-
 “course of all *Christendom*.

“BUT his Majesty will forbear any expressions of bitter-
 “ness, or of a sense of his own Sufferings, that, if it be pos-
 “sible, the Memory thereof may be lost to the World. And
 “therefore, though many of the Propositions, presented to
 “his Majesty by both Houses, appear to him very deroga-
 “tory from, and destructive to, his just Power and Prero-
 “gative, and no way beneficial to his Subjects, few of them
 “being already due to them by the Laws establish’d (and
 “how Unparliamentary it is by Arms to require new Laws,
 “all the World may judge) yet (because these may be waved, or
 “mollified, and many things, that are now dark and doubtful
 “in them, clear’d and explain’d upon debate) his Majesty
 “is pleas’d, such is his sense of the Miseries, this Kingdom
 “suffers by this unnatural War, and his earnest desire to re-
 “move them by an happy Peace, that a speedy Time and
 “Place be agreed upon, for the meeting of such Persons as
 “his Majesty and both Houses shall appoint to discuss these
 “Propositions, and such others here following as his Majesty
 “doth propose to them.

1. “THAT his Majesty’s own Revenue, Magazine, Towns,
 “Forts, and Ships, which have been taken or kept from him
 “by force, be forthwith restor’d unto him.

2. “THAT whatsoever hath been done, or publish’d, con-
 “trary to the known Laws of the Land, or derogatory to his
 “Majesty’s Legal, and known Power and Rights, be renounced,
 “and recalled, that no seed may remain for the like to spring
 “out of for the future.

3. “THAT whatsoever illegal Power hath been claimed,
 “and exercised by, or over his Subjects, as imprisoning their
 “Persons without Law, stopping their *Habeas Corpus*’s, and
 “imposing upon their Estates without Act of Parliament, &c.
 “Either by both, or either House, or any Committee of
 “both, or either, or by any Persons appointed by any of them,
 “be

“be disclaimed; and all such Persons so committed, forthwith
“discharged.

4. “THAT as his Majesty will readily consent (having
“done so heretofore) to the execution of all Laws already
“made, and to any good Acts to be made for the suppressing
“of Popery, and for the firm settling of the Protestant Reli-
“gion now establish’d by Law; so he desires, that a good Bill
“may be framed, for the better preserving the Book of Com-
“mon Prayer from the scorn and violence of *Brownists, Ana-*
“*baptists*, and other Sectaries, with such Clauses for the ease
“of tender Consciences, as his Majesty hath formerly offer’d.

5. “THAT all such Persons, as, upon the Treaty, shall be
“excepted out of the general Pardon, shall be try’d *per pares*,
“according to the usual Course, and known Law of the
“Land; and that it be left to that, either to acquit, or con-
“demn them.

6 “AND to the intent this Treaty may not suffer inter-
“ruption, by any intervening Accidents, that a Cessation of
“Arms, and free Trade for all his Majesty’s Subjects, may
“be first agreed upon.

“THIS offer and desire of his Majesty, he hopes, will be
“so cheerfully entertain’d, that a speedy, and blessed Peace
“may be accomplish’d. If it shall be rejected, or, by insisting
“upon unreasonable circumstances, be made impossible (which,
“he hopes, God in his Mercy to this Nation will not suffer)
“the guilt of the Blood which will be shed, and the desola-
“tion which must follow, will lie upon the Heads of the Re-
“fusers. However, his Majesty is resolv’d through what Ac-
“cidents soever he shall be compell’d to recover his Rights,
“and with what prosperous success soever it shall please God
“to bless him, that by his earnest, constant Endeavours to
“propagate and promote the true Protestant Religion, and by
“his governing according to the known Laws of the Land,
“and upholding the just Privileges of Parliament, according
“to his frequent protestations made before Almighty God
“(which He will always inviolably observe) the World shall
“see, that he hath undergone all these difficulties, and ha-
“zards, for the defence and maintenance of those, the zeal-
“ous preservation of which, his Majesty well knows, is the
“only foundation and means for the true happiness of Him,
“and his People.

WHILST these Overtures and Discourses were made of
Peace, the Kingdom, in all parts, felt the sad effects of War;
neither the King, nor the Parliament, being slack in pursuing
the business by the Sword; and the Persons of Honour and
Quality in most Counties more vigorously declaring them-

selves than they had done. Among the rest, upon the King's retreat from *Brentford*, whilst he yet staid about *Reading*, some of the well affected Gentry of *Suffex*, upon the confidence of their Interests in those parts, offer'd the King to raise Forces there; and presumed they should be able to seize some place of Security and Importance for their retreat, if the Enemy should attempt upon them; which at that time of the year was not conceiv'd could be with any notable success. And being arm'd with such Authority, and Commissions, as they desired, and seconded with a good Number of considerable Officers, their first success was answerable to their own hopes, and they possess'd themselves, partly by Force, and partly by Stratagem, of the City of *Chichester*; which, being encompass'd with a very good old Wall, was very easy to be so fortified, that, with the Winter, they might well think themselves secure against any forcible Attempt could be made upon them. And no doubt they had been so, if the Common People of the Country (out of which the Soldiers were to rise) had been so well affected as was believ'd.

*Chichester
possess'd by
the King's
Forces:*

BUT before they could draw in Men or Provisions into the City, the Earl of *Essex* sent *Sr William Waller* with Horse, Foot, and Cannon, to invest them; who, with the Assistance of the Country, quickly shut them up within their Walls. They within the Town were easily reduced to straits they could not contend with; for, besides the Enemy without, against which the Walls and the Weather seem'd of equal power, and the small stock of Provisions, which, in so short time, they were able to draw thither, they had cause to apprehend their Friends would be weary before their Enemies; and that the Citizens would not prove a trusty part of the Garrison; and their Number of Common Men was so small, that the constant duty was perform'd by the Officers and Gentlemen of Quality, who were absolutely tir'd out. So that after a week or ten days Siege, they were compell'd, upon no better Articles than Quarter, to deliver that City, which could hardly have been taken from them; by which (with the loss of Fifty or Threescore Gentlemen of Quality, and Officers of Name, whose very good Reputation made the loss appear a matter of absolute, and unavoidable necessity) the King found that he was not to venture to plant Garrisons so far from his own Quarters, where he could not, in reasonable time, administer succour or supply.

*But surren-
der'd to Sir
W. Waller.*

THIS Triumph of the Enemy was shortly after abated, and the loss on the King's part repair'd, by the winning of *Cirencester*, a good Town in *Gloucester-shire*, which the Rebels were fortifying, and had in it a very strong Garrison; and, being upon the edge of *Wilt-shire*, *Berk-shire*, and *Oxford-shire*, shrewdly

shrewdly streighten'd the King's Quarters. The Marquis of *Hertford* bringing with him, out of *Wales*, near two thousand Foot, and one Regiment of Horse, intended, with the Assistance of Prince *Rupert*, who appointed to joyn with him with some Regiments from *Oxford*, to take in that Town: But by the extreme foulness of the ways, the great fall of Rain at that time (being about *Christmas*) and some mistake in Orders between the two Generals, that design was disappointed: And the Alarm gave the Enemy so much the more Courage, and diligence to provide for an Assault.

IN the beginning of *February*, Prince *Rupert* went upon the same design with better success; and at one and the same time, storming the Town in several places, their Works being not yet finish'd, though pertinaciously enough defended, enter'd their Line with some loss of Men, and many hurt, but with a far greater of the Enemy; for there were not so few as two hundred kill'd upon the place, and above one thousand taken Prisoners, whereof *Warneford* and *Fettyplace* (two Gentlemen of good Quality and Fortune near that Town, and very active in the Service) Mr *George*, a Member of Parliament who serv'd for that Burrough, and two or three *Scottish* Officers of the Field, whereof *Carr* the Governour was one, were the chief. The Town yielded much Plunder; from which the undistinguishing Soldier could not be kept, but was equally injurious to Friend and Foe; so that many honest Men, who were imprison'd by the Rebels for not concurring with them, found themselves at Liberty and Undone together: amongst whom *John Plot*, a Lawyer of very good Reputation, was one; who being freed from the hard, and barbarous imprisonment in which he had been kept, when he return'd to his own House, found it full of Soldiers, and twelve hundred pounds in Money taken from thence, which could never be recover'd. The Prince left a strong Garrison there, that brought almost all that whole County into Contribution, and was a great enlargement to the King's Quarters, which now, without interruption, extended from *Oxford* to *Worcester*; that important City, with the other of *Hereford*, and those Counties, having, some time before, been quitted by the Rebels; the Earl of *Stamford*, who was left in those parts by the Earl of *Essex*, being call'd from thence, by the growth of the King's Party in *Cornwall*, to the securing the West.

WE remember'd before, when the Marquis of *Hertford* transported himself and his few Foot into *Wales* from *Minhead*, that Sr *Ralph Hopton*, and the other Gentlemen, mention'd before, with their small Force, consisting of about one hundred Horse, and fifty Dragoons, retired into *Cornwall*, neglected by the Earl of *Bedford*, as fit and easy to be suppress'd

*Sr Ralph
Hopton and
Sr Bevil
Greenvil's
progress in
Cornwal,
together
with other
Gentlemen
there.*

press'd by the Committees. And in truth, the Committees were entirely possess'd of *Devon-shire*, and thought themselves equally sure of *Cornwall*, save that the Castle of *Pendennis* was in the Custody of one they had no hope of. They were well-com'd into *Cornwal* by *Sr Bevil Greenvil*, who march'd with them towards the West of the County, as being best affected, where they might have leisure to refresh their wearied and almost tired Horse and Men, and to call the well disposed Gentry together; for which they chose *Truro* as the fittest place, the East part of the County being possess'd by *Sr Alexander Carew*, and *Sr Richard Buller*, two Members of the House of Commons, and active Men for the settling of the Militia. There was in this County, as throughout the whole Kingdom, a wonderful and superstitious reverence towards the Name of a Parliament, and a prejudice to the power of the Court; yet a full submission, and love of the establish'd Government of Church and State, especially to that part of the Church as concern'd the Liturgy or Book of Common Prayer, which was a most general object of Veneration with the People. And the jealousy, and apprehension that the other Party intended to alter it, was a principal advancement of the King's Service, though the Major, and most considerable part of the Gentry, and Men of Estates, were heartily for the King, many of them being of the House of Commons, and so having seen and observ'd by what spirit the distemper was begot, and carried on; yet there were others of Name, Fortune, and Reputation with the People, very solicitous for the Parliament, and more active than the other. There was a Third sort (for a Party they cannot be call'd) greater than either of the other, both of Fortune, and Number, who, though they were satisfied in their Consciences of the justice of the King's Cause, had yet so great a dread of the Power of the Parliament, that they sat still as Neuters, assisting neither. So that they who did boldly appear, and declare for the King, were compell'd to proceed with all wariness, and circumspection; by the known and well understood Rules of the Law, and Justice; and durst not oppose the most extravagant Act of the other side, but with all the formality that was used in full Peace: Which must be an Answer to all those oversights, and omissions, which Posterity will be apt to impute to the King, in the morning of these Distractions.

THE Committee of the Parliament, who were entirely possess'd of *Devon-shire*, and Believ'd themselves Masters of *Cornwal*, drew their Forces of the Country to *Lanncoston*, to be sure that *Sr Ralph Hopton*, and his Adherents (whose power they thought contemptible) might not escape out of their hands. This was before the Battle of *Edge-bill*, when the King

King was at lowest, and when the Authority of Parliament found little opposition in any place. The Quarter Sessions came, where they caused a Presentment to be drawn, in form of Law, "Against divers Men unknown, who were lately come Arm'd into that County *contra pacem*, &c. Though none were named, all understood who were meant; and therefore Sr *Ralph Hopton*, who very well understood those proceedings, voluntarily appear'd; took notice of the Presentment, and produced the Commission granted by the King, under the Great Seal of *England*, to the Marquis of *Hertford*, by which he was constituted General of the West; and a Commission, from his Lordship, to Sr *Ralph Hopton*, of Lieutenant General of the Horse; and told them, "He was sent "to assist them, in the defence of their Liberties, against all "illegal Taxes, and Impositions. Hereupon, after a full and solemn Debate, the Jury, which consisted of Gentlemen of good Quality, and Fortunes in the County; not only acquitted Sr *Ralph Hopton*, and all the other Gentlemen his Companions, of any disturbance of the Peace; but declared, "That it was a great favour, and justice of his Majesty, to "send down aid to them who were already marked out to "destruction; and that they thought it the duty of every "good Subject, as well in Loyalty to the King, as in gratitude to those Gentlemen, to joyn with them with any hazard of Life and Fortune.

As this full vindication was thus gotten on the King's part, so an Indictment was prefer'd against Sr *Alexander Cress*, Sr *Richard Buller*, and the rest of the Committee, "for a Rout and unlawful Assembly at *Launceston*; and for "Riots and Misdemeanours committed against many of the "King's good Subjects, in taking their Liberties from them (for they had intercepted, and apprehended divers Messengers, and others of the King's Party, and employ'd by them.) This Indictment and Information was found by the Grand Jury, and thereupon, according to a Statute in that case provided, an Order of Sessions was granted to the High Sheriff, a Person well affected to the King's Service, "To "raise the *Pesse Comitatus*, for the dispersing that unlawful "Assembly at *Launceston*, and for the apprehension of the "Rioters. This was the Rise and Foundation of all the great Service that was after perform'd in *Cornwall*, by which the whole West was reduced to the King. For, by this means, there were immediately drawn together, a Body of three thousand Foot, well Arm'd; which by no other means could have been done: with which Sr *Ralph Hopton*, whom they all willingly obeyed, advanced towards *Launceston*, which the Committee had fortified, and from thence had sent Messengers

Messages of great contempt upon the proceedings of the Sessions; for besides their confidence in their own *Cornish* strength, they had a good Body of Horse to second them upon all occasions, in the Confiner of *Devon*.

SIR *George Chudleigh* a Gentleman of good Fortune, and Reputation in that County, and very active for the Militia, being then at *Tavistock*, with five or six full Troops of Horse, raised in that County to go to their Army, but detain'd till *Cornwall* could be settled; upon the News of *Sr Ralph Hopton's* advancing, these drew to *Litton*, a Village in *Devonshire*, but within three Miles of *Launceston*. *Sr Ralph Hopton* march'd within two Miles of the Town, where he refresh'd his Men, intending, the next morning early, to fall on the Town: But *Sr Richard Butler*, and his Confederates, not daring to abide the Storm, in great disorder quitted the Town that Night, and drew into *Devonshire*, and so towards *Plymouth*; so that in the Morning *Sr Ralph Hopton* found the Gates of *Launceston* open, and enter'd without resistance. As the submission to, and reverence of, the known practiced Laws had, by the Sheriffs Authority, raised this Army within very few days, so the extreme superstition to it, soon dissolv'd it. For when all the Persons of Honour, and Quality who well knew the desperate form'd designs of the other Party, earnestly press'd the pursuing the dishearten'd and dismay'd Rebels into *Devon*, by which they should quickly increase their Numbers, by joyning with the well affected in that Large and Populous County, who were yet aw'd into Silence: It was powerfully objected, "That the Sheriff, by
"whose Legal Authority only that Force was drawn together, might not lawfully march out of his own County,
"and that it was the principal Privilege of the Train'd-bands,
"that they might not be compell'd to march farther than the
"limits of their Sheriff.

How grievous and inconvenient soever this doctrine was discern'd to be, yet no Man durst presume so far upon the temper of that People, as to object Policy, or Necessity to the notions of Law. And therefore, concealing, as much as was possible, the true reasons, they pretended their not following the Enemy proceeded from apprehension of their strength, by their joyning with *Sr George Chudleigh*, and of want of Ammunition (either of which were not unreasonable) and so march'd to *Salt-ash*, a Town in *Cornwall* upon an Arm of the Sea; which only divided it from *Plymouth*, and *Devon*, where was a Garrison of two hundred *Scots*; who, upon the approach of *Sr Ralph Hopton* as kindly quit *Salt-ash*, as the others had *Launceston* before. So that being now entirely Masters of *Cornwall*, they fairly dismiss'd those who could
not

not be kept long together, and retired with their own handful of Horse and Dragoons, till a new provocation from the Enemy should put fresh Vigour into that County.

IN the mean time, considering the casualty of those Train'd-bands, and that strength, which on a suddain could be raised by the *Posses Comitatus*, which, though it made a Gallant shew in *Cornwal*, they easily saw would be of no use towards the quenching the General Rebellion over *England*, they enter'd upon thoughts of raising voluntary Regiments of Foot; which could be only done by the Gentlemen of that Country among their Neighbours, and Tenants, who depended on them. *Sr Bevil Greenvil* (the generally most belov'd Man of that Country) *Sr Nicholas Slanning*, the Gallant Governour of *Pendennis* Castle, *John Arundel*, and *John Trevannion*, two young Men of Excellent hopes, and Heirs to great Fortunes in that Country (all four of them Members of the House of Commons, and so better inform'd, and acquainted with the desperate humours of the adverse Party) undertook the raising Regiments of Voluntiers: many young Gentlemen, of the most considerable Families of the County, assisting them as inferior Officers. So that, within a shorter time than could be expected, from one single County, there was a Body of Foot, of near fifteen hundred, raised, arm'd, and well disciplin'd for Action. But there was then an Accident, that might have discomposed a People which had not been very well prepar'd to perform their duties.

THE Lord *Mobun* (who had departed from *York* from the King with all professions of Zeal, and Activity in his Service) had, from the time of the first motion in *Cornwal*, forborn to joyn himself to the King's Party; staying at home at his own House, and imparting himself equally to all Men of several Constitutions, as if he had not been yet sufficiently inform'd which Party to adhere to. But after all the adverse Party was driven out of *Cornwal*, and the fame of the King's marching in the Head of an Army, and having Fought the Battle at *Edge-hill* (the effect whereof was variously reported) without acquainting any Body with his Intention, he took a Journey towards *London*, at the time when the King march'd that way, and presented himself to his Majesty at *Brentford*, as sent from *Sr Ralph Hopton*, and the rest of those Gentlemen engaged in *Cornwal*; though many Men believ'd that his purpose was, in truth, for *London*, if he had not then found the King's condition better than it was generally believ'd. Upon his Lordship's information of the State of those Western parts, and upon a supposition that he spake the sense, and desires of those from whom he pretended to come, the King granted a Commission jointly to his Lordship, *Sr Ralph Hopton*,

son, *Sr John Berkley*, and Colonel *Asbburnham*, to govern those Forces, in the absence of the Lord Marquis of *Hertford*; with which he return'd into *Cornwal*, and immediately raised a Regiment of Foot; behaving himself as actively, and being every way as forward in the advancing the great business, as any Man; so that Men imputed his former reservedness, only to his not being satisfied in a condition of Command.

ON the other side, they who were concern'd in that alteration, were not at all well contented. For before, these Gentlemen of *Cornwal*, upon whose interest and activity the work depended, had, with great readiness, complied with the other, both out of great value of their Persons, with whom they had good familiarity, and friendship, and in respect of their Authority, and Commissions, with which they came qualified in that County: for, as was remember'd before, *Sr Ralph Hopton* had a Commission from the Marquis of *Hertford*, to be Lieutenant General of the Horse, *Sr John Berkley*, to be Commissary General, and Colonel *Asbburnham* to be Major General of the Foot; so that there was no dispute of Commands. But now, the Lord *Mobun's* coming into an equal Command with any, and superior to those who thought Their reputation and interest to be superior to His (for he had not the good fortune to be very gracious in his own Country) and this by his own sollicitation, and interposition, gave them some indignation. However their publick-heartedness, and joyn't concernment in the good Cause, so totally suppress'd all Animosities, and indeed Indispositions, that a greater concurrence could not be desir'd, in whatsoever could contribute to the work in hand; so that they not only preserv'd *Cornwal* entire, but made bold incursions into *Devon*, even to the Walls of *Plymouth*, and *Exeter*; though the Season of the year, being the deep Winter, and the want of Ammunition, soon forced them to retire into *Cornwal*.

THE reputation of their being Masters of that one County, and the apprehension of what they might be shortly able to do, made the Parliament think it time to take more care for their suppression. And therefore they sent their whole Forces out of *Dorset* and *Somerſet*, to joyn with those of *Devon*, to make an entire conquest of *Cornwal*. With these, *Ruthen* (a *Scots*-man, the Governour of *Plymouth*) advanced into *Cornwal*, by a Bridge over the *Tamar*, six miles above *Salt-ash* (where he had before endeavour'd to force his passage by Water, but had been beaten off with loss) having master'd the Guard there; the Earl of *Stamford* following him, two or three days march behind, with a new supply of Horse, and Foot; albeit those the *Scots*-man had with him, were much superior

superior to those of the King's; which, upon this suddain Invasion, were forced to retire with their whole strength to *Bodmin*; whither, foreseeing this storm some few days before it came, they had again summon'd the *Posse Comitatus*, which appear'd in considerable Numbers.

THEY had scarce refresh'd themselves there, and put their Men in order, when *Rutben*, with his Horse, Foot, and Cannon, was advanced to *Liskard*, within seven miles of *Bodmin*; from whence they moved towards the Enemy with all alacrity, knowing how necessary it was for them to Fight before the Earl of *Stamford*, who was at that time come to *Launceston* with a strong Party of Horse and Foot, should be able to joyn with the Rebels. And as this consideration was of importance to hasten the one, so it prevail'd with the other Party too; for *Rutben*, apprehending that his Victory, of which he made no question, would be clouded by the presence of the Earl of *Stamford*, who had the chief Command, resolv'd to dispatch the business before He came. And so *Sr Ralph Hopton* (to whom the other Commissioners, who had a joyn't Authority with him, willingly devolv'd the sole Command for that day, lest confusion of Orders might beget distraction) was no sooner known to be drawing towards him (to whom a present Battle was so necessary, that it was resolv'd, upon all disadvantages, to have fallen on the Enemy in the Town rather than not Fight) but *Rutben* likewise drew out his Forces, and choosing his ground upon the East side of *Bradock-Down* near *Liskard*, stood in Battalia to expect the Enemy; *Sr Ralph Hopton*, having likewise put His Men in order, caused publick Prayers to be said, in the head of every Squadron (which the Rebels observing, told their fellows, "They were at Mass, to stir up their Courages in the cause of Religion) and having winged his Foot with his Horse and Dragoons, he advanced within Musquet-shot of the Enemy, who stood without any motion. Then perceiving that their Cannon were not yet come up from the Town, he caused two small iron Minion Drakes (all the Artillery they had) to be drawn, under the cover of little Parties of Horse, to a convenient distance from the Body of their Enemies; and after two shots of those Drakes (which being not discern'd, and doing some execution, strook a greater terror into them) advanced with his Body upon them; and, with very easy contention, beat them off their ground; they having lined the Hedges behind them with their Reserve, by which they thought securely to make their retreat into the Town. But the *Cornish* so briskly bestir'd themselves, and press'd them so hard on every side, being indeed excellent at Hedge-work, and that kind of Fight, that they quickly won That ground too, and put their whole Army in a rout, and

Sr Ralph Hopton beats the Parliament's Forces at Bradock-Down, under Rutben.

and had the full execution of them as far as they would pursue. But after that advantage, they were always more sparing than is usually known in Civil Wars, shedding very little Blood after resistance was given over, and having a very noble and Christian sense of the lives of their Brethren: insomuch as the Common Men, when they have been press'd by some fiercer Officer, to follow the execution, have answer'd, "They could not find in their hearts to hurt Men who had nothing in their hands."

IN this Battle, without the loss of an Officer of Name, and very few Common Men, they took twelve hundred and fifty Prisoners, most of their Colours, all their Cannon, being four Brass Guns (whereof two were twelve Pounders) and one iron Saker, all their Ammunition, and most of their Arms. *Rutben* himself, and those who could keep pace with him, fled to *Salt-ash*; which he thought to fortify, and by the Neighbourhood of *Plymouth*, and assistance of the Shipping, to defend; and thereby still to have an Influence upon a good part of *Cornwall*. The Earl of *Stamford*, receiving quick Advertisment of this Defeat, in great disorder retired to *Tarvisstock*, to preserve the utmost parts of *Devon* from incursions. Hereupon, after a solemn Thanksgiving to God for this great Victory (which was about the middle of *January*) and a little refreshing their Men at *Liskard*, the King's Forces divided themselves; *Sr John Berkley*, and Colonel *Asburnham*, with *Sr Bevil Greenvil*, *Sr Nicholas Slanning's*, and Colonel *Trevannion's* voluntary Regiments, and such a Party of Horse and Dragoons as could be spared, advanced to *Tarvisstock* to visit the Earl of *Stamford*; the Lord *Mobun*, and *Sr Ralph Hopton*, with the Lord *Mobun's*, and Colonel *Godolphin's* Voluntary Regiments, and some of the Train'd-bands, march'd towards *Salt-ash*, to dislodge *Rutben*; who within three days (for there was no more between his defeat at *Bradock-Down*, and his visitation at *Salt-ash*) had cast up such works, and planted such store of Canon upon the narrow Avenues, that he thought himself able, with the help of a goodly Ship of four hundred Tuns, in which were sixteen pieces of Canon, which he had brought up the River to the very side of the Town, to defend that place against any strength was like to be brought against him. But he quickly found that the same spirit possess'd his Enemies that drove him from *Liskard*, and the same that possess'd his own Men when they fled from thence; for as soon as the *Cornish* came up, they fell upon his works, and in a short time beat him out of them; and then out of the Town with a good execution upon them; many being kill'd in the Fight, and more drown'd: *Rutben* himself hardly getting into a Boat, by which he got into *Plymouth*, leaving all his

Salt-ash
taken by the
King's
Forces.

his Ordinance behind him, which together with the Ship, and sevenſcore Priſoners, and all their Colours, which had been ſaved at *Liskard*, were taken by the Conquerors, who were now again entire Maſters of *Cornwal*.

THE Earl of *Stamford* had not the ſame patience to abide the other Party at *Taviſtock*, but, before their approach, quitted the Town; ſome of his Forces making haſte into *Plymouth*, and the reſt retiring into *Exeter*. And ſo, though the old ſuperſtition, of not going out of the County, again diſbanded the Train'd-bands, the *Cornish*, with all their Voluntary Forces, drew into *Devon*, and fixed Quarters within leſs than a mile of *Plymouth*, and kept Guards even within Muſquet-shot of Their Line. *St. John Berkley* in the mean time with a good Party Volant, of Horſe and Dragoons, with great diligence, and gallantry, viſiting all places in *Devon*, where their People were gather'd together, and diſſolving them, took many Priſoners of name; and ſo kept *Chudleigh*, the Major General of the Parliament Forces, from raiſing a Body there; which he indutriuſly intended.

IN thoſe neceſſary and brisk expeditions in falling upon *Chagford* (a little Town in the South of *Devon*) before day, the King loſt *Sidney Godolphin*, a young Gentleman of incomparable parts; who, being of a conſtitution and education more delicate, and unacquainted with contentions, upon his obſervation of the wickedneſs of thoſe Men in the Houſe of Commons, of which he was a Member, out of the pure Indignation of his Soul againſt them, and Conſcience to his Country, had, with the firſt, engaged himſelf with that Party in the Weit: and though he thought not fit to take Command in a Profeſſion he had not willingly choſen, yet as his advice was of great Authority with all the Commanders, being always one in the Council of War, and whoſe notable abilities they had ſtill uſe of in their Civil Tranſactions, ſo he expoſed his Perſon to all Action, Travel, and Hazard; and by too forward engaging himſelf in this laſt, receiv'd a mortal ſhot by a Muſquet, a little above the knee, of which he died in the inſtant; leaving the miſfortune of his death upon a place, which could never otherwiſe have had a mention to the world.

*Mr. Sidney
Godolphin
ſlain.*

AFTER this, which happen'd about the end of *January*, in reſpect of the ſeaſon of the year, and the want of Ammunition, finding that they could make no impreſſion upon the ſtrong-holds of the Enemy, they retired, with their whole Forces, to *Taviſtock*; where they reſreſhed, and reſted themſelves many days, being willing to eaſe their faſt Friends of *Cornwal* as much as was poſſible from the trouble, and charge of their little Army. The difficulties they were entangled

*The King's
Cornish
Forces come
to Tavi-
ſtock.*

with, were very prodigious; of which one was, that the other parts of the West were so entirely possess'd by the Enemy, that they could have no correspondence, or receive any intelligence from the King, not one Messenger in ten arriving at his Journey's end. Then though the Justice, and Piety of the cause, added much power to particular Persons in raising an Army; yet the money that was raised for the maintenance, and payment of that Army, was entirely upon the Reputation, Credit, and Interest, of particular Men: and how long that spring would supply those streams, the most sanguine among them could not presume; but the want of Ammunition troubled them most of all: they had yet had none but what had been taken out of the low store of *Pendennis* Castle, and what they had won from the Enemy; the first wanted a supply for it's own provision, but which way to procure that supply they could not imagine; and the fear, and apprehension of such streights, against which no probable hopes occur, is more grievous and insupportable, than any present want.

Captain
Carteret
supplies
them with
Ammuni-
tion:

IN this instant, as if sent by Providence, they met with an opportunity they had scarce Courage to hope for: Captain *Carteret*, the Controller of the King's Navy, having in the beginning of the Troubles, after he had refused to have Command in their Fleets, without noise withdrawn Himself and his Family out of *England* to *Jersey*, and being there impatient of being quiet, whilst his Master was in the Field, transported himself into *Cornwall* with a purpose to raise a Troop of Horse, and to engage in that Service: when he came thither, he was unanimously importun'd by the Commanders, after they had acquainted him with their hopeless, and desperate want of Powder, to assist them in that manner, that the many good Ports in their power, might be made of some use to them in the supply of Powder: whereupon he shortly return'd into *France*; and first upon his own Credit, and then upon return of such Commodities out of *Cornwall* as they could well spare, he supplied them with such great proportions of all kinds of Ammunitions, that they never found want after.

IN the mean time, when they were clouded with that want, at *Tavistock*, some Gentlemen of *Cornwall* who adhered to the Rebels, and were thereby dispossest'd of their County, made some Overtures, "That a Treaty might be enter'd into, where-
"by the Peace of the two Counties of *Cornwall*, and *Devon*,
"might be settled, and the War be remov'd into other parts. They who had most experience of the humours and dispositions of the Factious Party, easily concluded the little hope of Peace by such a Treaty; yet the Proposition was so specious and popular, that there was no rejecting it; and therefore they agreed to a meeting between Persons chosen of either
"side;

side; and the Earl of *Stamford* himself seem'd so ingenuous, ^{A Treaty} that, at the very first meeting, to shew their clear intentions, ^{between the} it was mutually agreed, that every Person employed and ^{two Parties} trusted in the Treaty, should first make a Protestation in these ^{in Devon,} words, "I do solemnly vow, and protest, in the presence ^{and Corn-} of Almighty God, that I do not only come a Commissio- ^{This Prote-} ner to this Treaty, with an hearty and fervent desire of ^{station being} concluding an honourable and firm Peace between the two ^{first taken} Counties of *Cornwall* and *Devon*; but also will, to the ut- ^{by both.} most of my power, prosecute, and really endeavour to accomplish and effect the same, by all lawful ways and means I possibly can; first by maintaining the Protestant Religion establish'd by Law in the Church of *England*, the just Rights and Prerogative of our Sovereign Lord the King, the just Privileges, and Freedom of Parliaments; together with the just Rights and Liberty of the Subjects; and that I am without any intention (by fomenting this unnatural War) to gain, or hope to advantage my self with the real, or personal Estate of any Person whatsoever, or obtaining any Office, Command, Title of Honour, Benefit, or Reward, either from the King's Majesty, or either, or both Houses of Parliament now assembled. And this I take, in the presence of Almighty God, and as I shall answer the same at his Tribunal, according to the literal sense and meaning of the foregoing Words, without any Equivocation, mental Reservation, or other Evasion whatsoever: So help me God.

THE taking this Protestation with that solemnity, and the blessed Sacrament thereupon, made even those who before expected little fruit from the Treaty, believe, that Men, being so engaged, would not be liable to those Passions, and Affections, which usually transported that Party; and so to hope that some Good might proceed from it: and therefore the King's Party were easily induced to retire with their Forces into *Cornwall*; and thereupon, a Truce, and Cessation, ^{A Truce} was agreed upon, that a Treaty might proceed without In- ^{and Cessation} terruption. In which Treaty, the same continuing beyond ^{on there-} the expiration of the present year 1642. We shall for the present leave them; that We may take a short survey of the Northern Parts, and remember by what degrees, They came to feel the Calamities, and to bear Their Burthen in the Civil War.

WHEN the King left *York-shire*, he appointed *S^r Thomas* ^{An account} *Glemham*, at the desire of the Gentlemen of that County, ^{as of the North-} was before remember'd, to stay in *York*, to order and command those Forces, which they should find necessary to raise, ^{ern Parts} to defend themselves from the excursions of *Hull*, ^{disposition} whence ^{at that} time.

young *Hotham* infested the Country more than his Father; who was willing enough to sit still in his Garrison, where he believ'd he could make advantage upon the success of either Party; and they who were most inclined to the Parliament (whereof the Lord *Fairfax*, and his Son were the chief) from whom the King was so far from expecting any notable mischief, that he left them all at their own Houses, when he went from them; and might, if he had thought it requisite, have carried them away Prisoners with him, were rather desirous to look on, than engage themselves in the War; presuming that one Battle would determine all disputes, and the Party which prevail'd in that, would find a general submission throughout the Kingdom. And truly, I believe, there was scarce one Conclusion, that hath contributed more to the continuance and length of the War, than that generally receiv'd opinion in the beginning, that it would be quickly at an end. Hereupon, there being but one visible difference like to beget distractions in the Country, which was about the Militia, the King appointing it to be govern'd, and disposed by the Commission of Array, and the Parliament by Their Ordinance; for the composing whereof, the Gentlemen of the several opinions, proposed, between themselves, "That neither the One, nor the Other should be medled with; but that all should be contented to sit still, without engagement to either Party: this seem'd very reasonable to the Parliament Party there, who were rather carried away with an implicate reverence to the very name of a Parliament (the fatal disease of the whole Kingdom at that time) than really transported with the passion and design of the furious part of it; and who plainly discern'd, that, by much the greatest part of the Persons of Honour, Quality, and interest in the County, would cordially oppose their Proceedings: For, besides the Lord *Fairfax*, there were in truth few of good Reputation, and Fortune, who run that way. On the other hand, the King's Party thought Their work done by it; for they having already sent two good Regiments of Foot, the one under Colonel *John Belasis*, younger Son to the Lord Viscount *Falconbridge*, and the other under *Sr William Pennyman*, and two Regiments of Dragoons, the one under Colonel *Duncomb*, the other, Colonel *Gowre*; besides three or four good Troops of Horse; and the King being at that distance, that they could not send Him farther supply; they thought they had nothing to do, but to keep the Country in such a Peace, that it might do the King no harm by sending Men to the Earl of *Essex*, or adhering to the Garrison of *Hull*; and concluding, as the other did, that the decision between the King and Parliament would be at the first Encounter. Upon these deliberations, Articles were solemnly

lemnly drawn up, consented to, and subscribed by the Lord *Fairfax*, and *Harry Bellefit*, the Heir Apparent of the Lord *Falconbridge*, who were the two Knights, who serv'd in Parliament for *Tork-shire*, nearly ally'd together, and of great kindness till their several opinions, and affections had divided them in this Quarrel: the former adhering to the Parliament, the latter, with great Courage and Sobriety, to the King.

*Articles of
Neutrality
agreed in
York-shire
between both
Parties:*

WITH them, the Principal Persons of either Party subscribed the Articles, and gave their mutual Faiths to each other, that they would observe them; being indeed no other than an Engagement of Neutrality, and to assist neither Party. Of all the Gentry of *Tork-shire*, there were only two Dissenters on the Parliament side, young *Hotham*, and *Sr Edward Rhodes*; who, though of the better Quality was not so much known, or consider'd, as the other. But they quickly found Seconds enough; for the Parliament no sooner was inform'd of this Transaction, than they express'd their detestation of it, and gently in words (though scornfully in matter) reprehending the Lord *Fairfax*, and his Party, "For being cousten'd, and over-reach'd by the other: They declar'd, "That none of the Parties to that Agreement had any Authority to bind that Country to any such Neutrality, as was mention'd in that Agreement; it being a peculiar and proper Power, and Privilege of Parliament, where the whole Body of the Kingdom is represented, to bind all, or any part thereof: That it was very prejudicial and dangerous to the whole Kingdom, that one County should withdraw themselves from the Assistance of the rest, to which they were bound by Law, and by several Orders and Declarations of Parliament. That it was very derogatory to the Power and Authority of Parliament, that any private Men should take upon them to suspend the execution of the Ordinance of the Militia, declar'd by both Houses to be according to Law, and very necessary, at that time, for the preservation of the Peace and Safety of the Kingdom. And therefore, they said, they thought themselves bound in Conscience, to hinder all farther proceedings upon that Agreement; and Order'd, "That no such Neutrality should be observ'd in that County. For if they should suffer particular Counties to divide themselves from the rest of the Kingdom, it would be a means of bringing all to Ruin and Destruction. And therefore they farther declar'd that "Neither the Lord *Fairfax*, nor the Gentlemen of *Tork-shire*, who were Parties to those Articles, nor any other Inhabitants of that County, were bound by any such Agreement; but requir'd them to pursue their former Resolutions, of Maintaining and Assisting the Parliament,

*But disown'd
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liament, upon
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into Acts of
Hostility
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“in defence of the Common Cause, according to the General Protestation wherein they were bound with the rest of the Kingdom, and against the Particular Protestation by themselves lately made; and according to such Orders and Commissions as they should receive from both Houses of Parliament, from the Committee of the Lords and Commons appointed for the Safety of the Kingdom, or from the Earl of *Essex* Lord General. And lest this their Declaration should not be of Power enough to Dissolve this Agreement, they publish'd their Resolutions, and directed that Mr *Hotbham*, and St *Edward Rhodes*, should proceed upon their former Instructions; and that they should have Power to seize and apprehend all Delinquents that were so Voted by the Parliament, and all such others, as Delinquents, as had, or did shew themselves opposite and disobedient to the Orders and Proceedings of Parliament.

UPON this Declaration, and Vote, not only young *Hotham* fell to the practice of Acts of Hostility, with all Licence, out of the Garrison at *Hull*, but the Lord *Fairfax* himself, and all the Gentlemen of that Party, who had, with that Protestation, sign'd the Articles, instead of resenting the reproach to themselves, tamely submitted to those unreasonable conclusions: and, contrary to their solemn Promise and Engagement, prepar'd themselves to bear a part in the War, and made all haste to Levy Men.

UPON so great a disadvantage were the King's Party in all places; who were so precise in promises, and their personal undertakings, that they believ'd they could not serve the King, and his Cause, if their Reputation and Integrity were once blemish'd, though some particular Contract prov'd to his disadvantage: whilst the Others expos'd their Honours for any present Temporary conveniencies, and thought themselves Absolv'd by any new Resolution of the Houses, to whose Custody their Honour, and Ingenuity was committed. The present disadvantage of this Rupture was greater to the King's Party there, than to the other. For (besides that many who concurr'd with them very frankly and sollicitously in the Neutrality, separated themselves from them, now there was a necessity of Action) they had neither Money to raise Men, nor Arms to Arm them; so that the strength consisted in the Gentlemen themselves, and their Retinue; who, by the good Affections of the Inhabitants of *York*, were strong enough to secure one another within the Walls of that City. Then the Earl of *Cumberland*, in whom the chief power of Command was to raise Men and Money in a case of necessity, though he was a Person of entire devotion to the King, was in his Nature unactive, and utterly unexperienced in Affairs and Exigents of that Nature.

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ON the other hand, the opposite Party was strengthen'd and enabled by the strong Garrison of *Hull*, whence young *Hotham*, on all occasions, was ready to second them with his Troop of Horse, and to take up any well Affected Person who was suspected to be Loyal; which drove all resolv'd Men from their Houses into *York*, where they only could be safe. The other could have what Men more they desir'd from *London*, and both ready Money from thence to *Hull*, and Ordinances to raise what they would in the County to pay them. *Leeds*, *Hallifax*, and *Bradford*, three very populous, and rich Towns (which depending wholly upon Clothiers too much malign'd the Gentry) were wholly at their disposition. Their Neighbours in *Lincoln-shire* were in a body to second them, and *Sr John Gell* was on the same behalf possess'd of *Derby*, and all that County, there being none that had the hardiness yet, to declare there for the King. So that, if *Sr John Hotham's* wariness had not kept him from being active, and his Pride, and Contempt of the Lord *Fairfax*, upon whom the Country chiefly depended, hinder'd him from seconding, and assisting his Lordship; or if any Man had had the entire Command of those Parts, and Forces, to have united them, the Parliament had, with very little resistance, been absolute Masters of all *York-shire*; and, as easily, of the City it self. But their want of Union in particulars, though they agreed too well in the Main, gave the King's Party time to breathe, and to look about for their preservation. Thereupon, they sent to the Earl of *New-Castle* for Assistance; offering, "If he would march into *York-shire*, they would joyn with him, and be entirely Commanded by him; the Earl of *Cumberland* willingly offering to wave any Title to Command.

It was before remember'd, that when the King left *York*, he had sent the Earl of *New-Castle*, as a Person of great Honour, and Interest in those parts, to be Governour of *New-Castle*; and so to secure that Port, that the Parliament might neither seize it, nor the *Scots* be brib'd by it to come to the Assistance of their Brethren. Which Commission from the King, his Lordship no sooner executed, without the least Hostility (for that Town receiv'd him with all possible acknowledgments of the King's goodness in sending him) but he was impeach'd by the House of Commons of High Treason. From his going thither (which was in *August*) till toward the end of *November*, the Earl spent his time in disposing the People of *Northumberland*, and the Bishoprick of *Durham*, to the King's Service, and to a right understanding of the matters in difference; in the Fortifying *New-Castle*, and the River; whereby that Harbour might only be in the

King's Obedience; in raising a Garrison for that place, and providing Arms for the farther advance of the King's Service. Then he provided for the Assistance of his Friends in *Yorkshire*, whose Condition grew every day more desperate. For the Parliament, finding the inconveniencies of having no Commander in Chief in those parts, had caused their Generalissimo, the Earl of *Essex*, to send a Commission to the Lord *Fairfax*, "To Command all the Forces of *Yorkshire*, and the "adjacent Counties, in Chief; by which, in less time than could be reasonably imagin'd, he was able to draw together an Army of five or six thousand Horse and Foot; so that *York* must presently have been swallow'd up.

The Lord
Fairfax
made General
of *Yorkshire*
for the
Parliament.

The Earl of
New-Castle
comes
from New-
Castle into
York.

BUT, in the beginning of *December*, the Earl of *New-Castle* march'd to their Relief; and having left a good Garrison in *New-Castle*, and fix'd such small Garrisons in his way, as might secure his Communication with that Port, to which all his Ammunition was to be brought; with a Body of near three thousand Foot, and six or seven hundred Horse and Dragoons, without any Encounter with the Enemy (though they had threaten'd loud) he enter'd *York*; having lessen'd the Enemies strength, without Blood, both in Territories and Men. For, as soon as he enter'd *Yorkshire*, two Regiments raised in *Richmondshire*, and *Cleveland*, dissolv'd of themselves; having it yet in their choice to dwell at Home, or to leave their Houses to new Comers. The Earl being now Master of the North as far as *York*, thought rather of forming an Army, and providing Money to pay it, than of making any farther progress in the Winter; and therefore suffer'd the Lord *Fairfax* to enjoy the Southern part of that large rich County, till the Spring, and the improvement of his Condition, should enable him to advance: Yet few days pass'd without blows, in which the Parliament Forces had usually the worst.

SHORTLY after the Earl's coming to *York*, General *King* repair'd to him, whom he made Lieutenant General of his Army; who, notwithstanding the unavoidable prejudice, in that Conjunction, of his being a *Scots*-man, order'd the Foot with great wisdom and dexterity: The Charge of the Horse being at the same time committed to General *Goring*; who, by the Queen's favour, notwithstanding all former failings, was recommended to that Province, and quickly apply'd himself to Action: so that though the Lord *Fairfax* kept *Selby*, and *Carwood*, both within a small distance from *York*, the Earl was absolute Master of the Field. And now the North yielded secure footing for those who had been unreasonably persecuted for their Obedience to the King, the Queen her self thought of returning into *England*.

HER Majesty had, from her first going into *Holland*, dexterously

terously endeavour'd to advance the King's Interest, and sent very great quantities of Arms and Ammunition to *New-Castle* (though, by the vigilance of the Parliament Agents in those parts, and the Power of their Ships, too much of it was intercepted) with some considerable Sums of Money, and good store of Officers; who, by the connivance of the Prince of *Orange*, came over to serve their own King. And from this extraordinary care of her Majesty's, and her known grace and favour to the Person of the Earl of *New-castle*, who she well knew had contracted many Enemies by the eminency of his devotion to the King, that Army was by the Parliament styl'd the *Queen's Army*, and the *Catholick Army*, thereby to expose her Majesty the more to the rude malice of the People, and the Army to their prejudice; perswading them, "That it consisted of none but profess'd Papists, who intended nothing but the extirpation of the Protestants, and establishing their own Profession.

ABOUT the middle of *February*, the Queen took Shipping from *Holland*, in a States-Man of War, assign'd by the Prince of *Orange* with others for her Convoy, and arriv'd safely in *Burlington-Bay*, upon the Coast of *York-shire*; where she had the patience to stay on Ship-board at Anchor, the space of two days, till the Earl had notice, "To draw such a part of his Forces that way, as might secure her Landing, and wait on her to *York*; which he no sooner did (and he did it with all imaginable Expedition) but her Majesty came on Shore; and, for the present, was pleas'd to refresh her self in a convenient House upon the very Key, where all accommodations were made for her reception; there being many things of Moment to be unshipp'd before she could reasonably enter upon her Journey towards *York*.

The Queen arrives at Burlington from Holland.

THE second day after the Queens Landing, *Batten*, Vice-Admiral to the Earl of *Warwick* (who had waited to intercept her passage) with four of the King's Ships, arriv'd in *Burlington Road*; and, finding that her Majesty was Landed, and that she lodged upon the Key, bringing his Ships to the nearest distance, being very early in the morning, discharg'd above a hundred Cannon (whereof many were laden with Cross-bar-shot) for the space of two hours upon the House where her Majesty was lodged; whereupon she was forced out of her Bed, some of the shot making way through her own Chamber; and to shelter her self under a Bank in the open Fields; which Barbarous and Treasonable Act was so much the more odious, in that the Parliament never so far took notice of it, as to disavow it. So that many believ'd it was very pleasing to, if not Commanded by Them; and that if the Ships had encounter'd at Sea, they would have left no hazard unrun to have destroy'd her Majesty.

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THE Queen shortly after remov'd to *Tork*, and the King's Affairs prosper'd to that degree, that, as the Earl of *New-castle* had before fix'd a Garrison at *Newark* in *Nottingham-shire*, which kept the Forces of *Lincoln* from joyning entirely with the Lord *Fairfax*, and had with great Courage beaten off a form'd Body of the Rebels who attempted it; so he now sent *Charles Cavendish*, the younger Brother of the Earl of *Devon-shire*, with a Party Volant of Horse and Dragoons, into *Lincoln-shire*; where, about the middle of *March*, he assaulted *Grantham*, a new Garrison of the Rebels; which he took, and in it above three hundred Prisoners, with all their Officers, Arms, and Ammunition: and, about the same time, *Sir Hugh Cholmondeley*, who had done very notable Service to the Parliament, and oftner defeated the Earl of *New-Castle's* Troops (though he had been in truth hurried to that Party, rather by the engagement of *Sir John Hotham*, with whom he had long friendship, than by his own inclination) than any Officer of those parts, very frankly revolted to his Allegiance; and waiting on her Majesty for her Assurance of his Pardon, deliver'd up the Castle of *Scarborough* (a place of importance) to the King; the Command and Government whereof, was again by the Earl committed to him; which he discharg'd with Courage, and singular Fidelity. By this means, and those successes, the Lord *Fairfax* quitted *Selby*, *Carwood*, and *Tadcaster*, and retired to *Ponfret*, and *Hallifax*; whereby the Earl was, upon the matter, possess'd of that whole large County, and so able to help his Neighbours. This was the State of that part of the North which was under the Earl of *New-Castle's* Commission: For *Lancashire*, *Cheshire*, and *Shropshire*, were in a worse Condition; of which, and the Neighbour Counties, it will be necessary in the next place to say somewhat; and of those first which lie farthest off.

The Earl of
New-Castle, fix'd a
Garrison at
Newark.

Sir Hugh
Cholmondeley deliver'd
up Scarborough
Castle to the
Queen.

The Condition at that
time of
Lancashire,
Cheshire,
and Shropshire.

WE have said before, that when the King left *Shrewsbury*, and march'd to meet the Earl of *Essex*, (which he did at *Edgehill*) all his designs being to come to a Battle; and the opinion of most, that a Battle would determine all; he was to apply all the strength and force he could possibly raise, to the encreasing of his Army; so that he left no Garrison behind him, but rely'd upon the Interest and Authority of the Lord *Strange* (who was, by the death of his Father, now Earl of *Derby*) to suppress all Commotions, and Insurrections, which might happen in the Counties of *Lancashire*, and *Cheshire*; which his Lordship was confident he should be able to do, and was then generally believ'd to have a greater Influence upon those two Counties, and a more absolute Command over the People in them, than any Subject in *England* had, in any other Quarter of the Kingdom. The Town of *Shrewsbury*,
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and that good County, where the King had been so prosperous (and by which the People were more engaged) he intrusted only to that good Spirit that then possess'd it, and to the Legal Authority of the Sheriffs, and Justices of the Peace. And it fared in those Counties as in all other parts of the Kingdom, that the number of those who desired to sit still, was greater than of those who desir'd to engage in either Party; so that they were generally inclin'd to Articles of Neutrality. And in *Cheeshire*, the Active People of both sides came to those Capitulations, with as much solemnity as had been in *Yorkshire*, and by the same declaration of the Parliament (so much the same, that there was no other difference but alterations of Names and Places) were absolv'd from the observation of them. And then *Sr William Bruerton*, a Gentleman of a competent Fortune in that County, and Knight for that Shire in Parliament, but most notorious for a known aversion to the Government of the Church, bringing with him from *London* a Troop of Horse, and a Regiment of Dragoons, march'd thither to protect those who were of that Party, and, under such a shelter, to encourage them to appear.

THE City of *Chester* was firm to the King, by the virtue of the Inhabitants, and Interest of the Bishop, and Cathedral Men; but especially by the reputation, and dexterity of *Mr O. Bridgman*, Son to the Bishop, and a Lawyer of very good Estimation; who not only inform'd them of their duty, and encouraged them in it, but upon his Credit and Estate, both which were very good, supplied them with whatsoever was necessary for their defence; so that they were not put to be Honest and Expensive together. But as they had no Garrison of Soldiers, so they had no Officer of skill and experience to manage, and direct that Courage which, at least, was willing to defend their own Walls, which they were now like to be put to. Therefore the King sent thither *Sr Nicholas Byron*, a Soldier of very good Command, with a Commission to be "Colonel-General of *Cheeshire*, and *Shropshire*, and to be Governor of *Chester*; who being a Person of great affability, and dexterity, as well as Martial knowledge, gave great Life to the designs of the well affected there; and, with the encouragement of some Gentlemen of North *Wales*, in a short time raised such a power of Horse and Foot, as made often Skirmishes with the Enemy; sometimes with notable advantage, never with any signal loss. *Sr William Bruerton* Fortify'd *Nantwich*, as the King's Party did *Chester*; from which Garrisons, containing both their Forces, they contended which should most prevail upon, that is most subdue, the Affections of the County, to declare for, and joyn with them. But the fair expectation of *Cheeshire* was Clouded by the Storms that arose

arose in *Lancashire*, where Men of no Name, and contemn'd Interest, by the meer credit of the Parliament, and frenzy of the People, on a suddain snatch'd that large and populous County, from their Devotion to the Earl of *Derby*.

THE Town of *Manchester* had, from the beginning (out of that factious humour which possess'd most Corporations, and the Pride of their Wealth) oppos'd the King, and declar'd Magisterially for the Parliament. But as a great part of the County consisted of Papists, of whose Insurrections they had made such use in the beginning of the Parliament, when they had a mind to Alarm the People with dangers; so it was confidently believ'd, that there was not one Man of ten throughout that County, who meant not to be Dutiful, and Loyal to the King: yet the restless Spirit of the Seditious Party was so sedulous, and industrious, and every one of the Party so ready to be engaged, and punctually to obey; and, on the other hand, the Earl of *Derby* so unactive, and so uncomplying with those who were fuller of alacrity, and would have proceeded more vigorously against the Enemy; or, through want of experience so irresolute, that instead of countenancing the King's Party in *Cheshire*, which was expected from him, the Earl insensibly, found *Lancashire* to be almost possess'd against him: the Rebels, every day, gaining, and fortifying all the strong Towns, and surphizing his Troops, without any considerable Encounter. And yet, so hard was the King's Condition, that though he knew those great misfortunes proceeded from want of Conduct, and of a vigorous and expert Commander, he thought it not safe to make any alteration, lest that Earl might be provoked, out of disdain to have any Superior in *Lancashire*, to manifest how much he could do against him, though it appear'd he could do little for him. Yet it was easily discern'd, that his Ancient Power there depended more upon the Fear, than Love of the People; there being very many, now in this time of Liberty, engaging themselves against the King, that they might not be subject to that Lord's Commands.

HOWEVER, the King committing *Lancashire* still to his Lordship's care (whose Fidelity, without doubt, was blameless, whatever his Skill was) he sent the Lord *Capel* to *Shrewsbury*, with a Commission of "Lieutenant General of *Shropshire*, *Cheshire*, and North *Wales*"; who, being a Person of great Fortune, and Honour, quickly engaged those parts in a cheerful Association; and raised a Body of Horse and Foot, that gave *St. William Bruerton* so much trouble at *Nantwich* that the Garrison at *Chester* had breath to enlarge it's Quarters, and to provide for it's own security; though the Enemy omitted no opportunity of infecting them, and gave them

into *Leicester*. *Derby-shire*, without any visible Party in it for the King, was under the power of *St John Gell*, who had fortified *Derby*. And all these Counties, with *Stafford-shire*, were united in an Association against the King under the Command of the Lord *Brook*; who was, by the Earl of *Essex*, made General of that Association; a Man cordially Disaffected to the Government of the Church, and upon whom that Party had a great dependence. This Association receiv'd no other Interruption from, or for the King, than what Colonel *Hastings* gave; who, being a younger Son to the Earl of *Huntington*, had appear'd eminently for the King from the beginning; having rais'd a good Troop of Horse with the first, and, in the head thereof, charged at *Edge-hill*.

AFTER the King was settled at *Oxford*, Colonel *Hastings*, with his own Troop of Horse only, and some Officers which he easily gather'd together, went with a Commission into *Leicester-shire* "Of Colonel General of that County, and fix'd himself at *Abby de la Zouch*, the House of the Earl of *Huntington*, his Father, who was then living; which he presently fortified; and, in a very short time, by his Interest there, rais'd so good a Party of Horse and Foot, that he maintain'd many Skirmishes with the Lord *Grey*: the King's Service being the more advanced there, by the notable Animosities between the two Families of *Huntington* and *Stamford*; between whom the County was divided passionately enough, without any other Quarrel. And now the Sons fought the Publick Quarrel, with their Private Spirit and Indignation. But the King had the advantage in His Champion, the Lord *Grey* being a young Man of no eminent parts, and only backed with the Credit and Authority of the Parliament: whereas Colonel *Hastings*, though a younger Brother, by his personal reputation, had supported his family; and, by the interest of it, and the Affection that People bore to him, brought, no doubt, an addition of Power to the very Cause. Inasmuch as he not only defended himself against the Forces of the Parliament in *Leicester-shire*, but disquieted *St John Gell* in *Derby-shire*, and fix'd some convenient Garrisons in *Stafford-shire*.

ABOUT the same time, some Gentlemen of that County, rather well affected than experienced, before they were well enough provided to go through their work, seized on the Close in *Lichfield* for the King; a place naturally strong, and defended with a Mote, and a very high and thick Wall; which in the Infancy of the War was thought a good Fortification. To suppress this growing Force, within the limits of his Association, the Lord *Brook* advanced with a form'd Body of Horse, Foot, and Cannon; part drawn from the Earl of *Essex's* Army, and the rest out of the Garrisons of *Coven-*

try, and *Warwick*; and without any resistance, enter'd the City of *Lichfield*; which, being unfortified, was open to all Comers. The Number in the Close was not great, nor their Provisions such as should have been, and very well might have been, made; so that he made no doubt of being speedily Master of it; *Sr John Gell* having brought up a good addition of strength to him from *Derby*. He was so far from apprehending any danger from the besieged, that himself lodg'd in a House within Musquet-shot of the Close; where, the very day he meant to assault it, sitting in his Chamber, and the Window open, he was, from the Wall of the Close, by a Common Soldier, shot with a Musquet in the Eye; of which he instantly died without speaking a word.

The Lord Brook shot in besieging the Cathedral of Lichfield, which was seen after taken by Sr John Gell.

THERE were many discourses and observations upon his death, that it should be upon *Sr Chad's* day (being the second day of *March*) by whose Name, he being a Bishop shortly after the planting of Christianity in this Island, that Church had been anciently call'd. And it was reported, that in his Prayer, that very Morning (for he used to pray publicly though his Chaplain were in the presence) he wish'd, "That if the Cause he were in, were not right and just, he might be presently cut off. They who were acquainted with him, believ'd him to be well natur'd, and just; and rather seduced, and corrupted in his understanding, than perverse and malicious. Whether his Passions or Conscience sway'd him, he was undoubtedly one of those who could have been with most difficulty reconciled to the Government of Church or State; and therefore his death was look'd upon as no ill Omen to Peace, and was exceedingly lamented by His Party; which had scarce a more absolute confidence in any Man than in Him. However, it brought not that relief to the besieged in the Close as was believ'd it would; for the same Forces, under *Sr John Gell*, proceeded so vigorously in the work, and they Within so faintly, and unskilfully, that without any of that distress which Men thought it might bear, and which it did, within a short time after, bear against the King, the place was yielded without other conditions than of Quarter; by which many Persons became Prisoners, of too good Quality to have their Names remember'd.

By this prize, the Spirits of that Party were much exalted, and the King's Party in those parts as much cast down. Yet some Gentlemen betook themselves to the Town of *Stafford*, and having too much declar'd for the King, when they thought *Lichfield* would have been of strength to secure them, to hope to live unhurt at their Houses, resolv'd to defend that place; against which *Sr John Gell* drew his late fleth'd Troops. But the Earl of *Northampton* (who intended the relief of *Lichfield*

Stafford Garrison'd by some Gentlemen for the King.

Lichfield, if they had Had any patience to expect it) with a strong Party of Horse, and Dragoons, from his Garrison of *Banbury*, came seasonably to their Succour, and put himself into the Town; and, the same Night, beat up a Quarter of the Enemies, in which he kill'd and took above an hundred of their Horse. *S^t John Gell* retir'd so far as to meet with *S^t William Bruerton*, who, from *Nantwich*, was coming to joyn with him for the subduing of *Stafford*; and, having done that, resolv'd to march in a Body for the clearing the other Counties. When they were joyn'd, being near three thousand Foot, and Horse, with a good Train of Artillery, they moved back towards *Stafford*, imagining the Earl of *Northampton* would meet them without the Walls: and it so fell out; for the Earl no sooner heard that the Rebels were drawing towards the Town, but he drew out his Party to encounter them; imagining it could be only *Gell*, whose Numbers he understood, and whose Courage he much undervalued.

It was on a *Sunday*, about the middle of *March*, when, in the afternoon, he march'd out of *Stafford*; his Party consisting of Horse, and Dragoons, and some few Foot, the whole Number being under one thousand, and found the Enemy, in very good Order, expecting them upon a place call'd *Hopton-Heath*, some two Miles from *Stafford*. Though the Number was more than double to the Earl's, yet the Heath seeming very fair, the breadth of it being more than Musquet-shot from Enclosure on each side, and the number of his Horse being at least equal to the other, he resolv'd to charge them; and accordingly Did, with so good success, that he totally routed that part of their Horse; and, rallying again his Men, he Charg'd the other part of their Horse, which stood more in shelter of their Foot; and so totally routed, and dispersed them, that the Enemy had scarce a Horse left upon the Field; and took likewise from them eight pieces of Cannon.

IN this second Charge the Earl of *Northampton* being engaged in the execution, very near, or among their Foot, had his Horse kill'd under him. So that his own Horse (according to their unhappy practice) with too much fury pursuing the Chase, he was left encompass'd by his Enemies. What His behaviour was afterwards, and Their Carriage towards Him, can be known only by the Testimony of the Rebels; who confess'd, that after he was on his feet, he kill'd with his own hand the Colonel of Foot who made first haste to him; and that after his head-piece was stricken off with the Butt-end of a Musquet, they offer'd him Quarter; which, they say, he refus'd; answering, "That he scorn'd to take Quarter
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“from such base Rogues, and Rebels, as They were. After which, he was slain by a blow with a Halbert on the hinder part of his Head, receiving, at the same time, another deep wound in his Face. The Earl of Northampton slain on Hopton Heath near Stafford, having first vanquished the Enemies Horse that opposed him.

ALL this time the Enemies Foot stood, which (after their Horse were dispersed) *Sr Thomas Byron*, who Commanded the Prince of *Wales's* Regiment, a Gentleman of great Courage, and of very good Conduct, Charg'd with good execution; But the Night came on apace, and the Field which they thought so fair, was found full of Coal-pits, and Holes dangerous for their Horse; so that they thought fit to forbear farther Action, till they might have the Morning's light; and stood all that Night in the Field. When the Morning appear'd, there was no enemy to be seen. For as soon as the Fight ended, and the Night drew on, that they were unperceiv'd, they had left the Field, in hope that their scatter'd Horse would find them in Quarters more remote from the danger. The Victorious Party was so harrassed with duty, and tir'd with the Fight, so cast down with the loss of their General, and so destitute of Officers to Direct, and Command, what was next to be done (For the Lord *Compton*, the Earl's eldest Son, had receiv'd a shot in the Leg; *Sr Thomas Byron* a shot in the Thigh, whereby they were not able to keep the Field; and many other Officers hurt) that they retir'd to refresh themselves at *Stafford*, after they had taken the Spoil of the Field and bury'd their Dead.

IN this Fight, which was sharp, and short, there were kill'd, and taken Prisoners, of the Parliament Party, above two hundred, and more than that number wounded. For, the Horse Charging among their Foot, more were hurt than kill'd. Eight pieces of their Cannon, and most of their Ammunition was likewise taken. Of the Earl's Party were slain but five and twenty, whereof there were two Captains, some inferior Officers, and the rest Common Men: but there were as many hurt, and those of the Chief Officers. They who had all the Ensigns of Victory, but their General, thought themselves undone; whilst the other side, who had escaped in the Night, and made a hard shift to carry his dead Body with them, hardly believ'd they were losers:

*Et, velut aequali bellatum sorte fuisset,
Compenis cum classe virum ———*

THE truth is, a greater Victory had been an unequal recompence for such a loss. He was a Person of great Courage, Honour, and Fidelity, and not well known till his Evening, having, in the Ease, and Plenty, and Luxury of that too happy
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time, indulg'd to himself, with that Licence which was then thought necessary to great Fortunes: but from the beginning of these Distractions, as if he had been awaken'd out of the Lethargy, he never proceeded with a luke-warm Temper. Before the Standard was set up, he appear'd in *Warwick-shire* against the Lord *Brook*, and as much upon his own Reputation as the Justice of the Cause (which was not so well then understood) discountenanced, and drove him out of that County. Afterwards he took the Ordnance from *Banbury-Castle*, and brought them to the King. As soon as an Army was to be rais'd, he Levied, with the first, upon his own charge, a Troop of Horse, and a Regiment of Foot, and (not like some other Men, who warily distributed their Family to both sides, one Son to serve the King, whilst his Father, or another Son, engag'd as far for the Parliament) entirely dedicated all his Children to the Quarrel; having four Sons Officers under him, whereof three Charged that day in the Field: And from the time he submitted himself to the profession of a Soldier, no Man more punctual upon Command, no Man more diligent and vigilant in Duty. All distresses he bore like a Common Man, and all wants, and hardneses, as if he had never known plenty, or ease; most prodigal of his Person to danger; and would often say, "That if he out-liv'd these Wars, he was certain never to have so noble a death. So that it is not to be wonder'd, if, upon such a stroke, the Body that felt it, thought it had lost more than a Limb.

AS SOON as it was known where the Enemy rested after their Retreat, the Young Earl of *Northampton* sent a Trumpet to *Sr John Gell*, to desire the Body of his Father, that he might give it such decent burial as became him. *Gell* and *Bruerton*, joyntly, by Letter, demanded, "In exchange for the dead Body, all their Ammunition, Prisoners, and Cannon, they had lost at the Battle; which demands being so unreasonable, and against the Law of Arms, the Earl sent again to them, to desire, "That if they would not return the Corps, that his Chirurgeon might have leave to Embalm it, whereby it might be preserv'd to receive those Rites, when they should be willing to gratify him, which he presum'd, upon more dispassionate thoughts, they would be. Their Answer to this was as unreasonable as the other, "That they would neither send the Body, nor permit his Chirurgeons to come to Embalm it; presuming, it is probable, that the Piety of the Son would have prevail'd to have their unheard-of Propositions comply'd with.

*The State of
the Principality of
Wales at
that time.*

AND so We shall, for the present, leave these parts, and visit the Principality of *Wales*; of which, hitherto, very little hath

hath been said; and from the Affection whereof, the King had, from the beginning, a very great benefit; it having supply'd him with three or four good Regiments of Foot, in which many of their Gentry were engag'd, before the Battle of *Edge-hill*.

It hath been before remember'd, that the Marquis of *Hertford* drew with him out of *Wales*, and brought to *Oxford* about *Christmas* near two thousand Men; leaving *Wales* guarded only with the Courage and Fidelity of the Gentry, and Inhabitants. After that, North *Wales* lying most convenient to back *Chester*, and *Shrewsbury*, which places, whilst the Enemy was Master of the Field, receiv'd their chief supplies of Men and Provisions from thence; the King always put it under the Government of those to whom he committed those parts. South *Wales* which is much the larger, and richer part of that Dominion, he committed to the charge of the Lord *Herbert*, eldest Son to the Marquis of *Worcester*; whom he made his Lieutenant General, adding *Monmouth* *Worcester* *shire* to his Commission.

The Lord Herbert, eldest Son of the Earl of Worcester made General of South Wales.

THERE were, in the opinion of many, great objections against committing that Employment to that Noble Lord, whose Person many Men lov'd, and very few hated. First, he had no knowledge, or experience in the Martial Profession; then his Religion, being of that sort of Catholics the People render'd odious, by accusing it to be most Jesuited, Men apprehended would not only produce a greater brand upon the King of favouring Papists and Popery, than he had been yet reproach'd with (for, though he had some Papists entertain'd in his Armies, yet all Men trusted by him in Superior Commands, were Men of unblemish'd Integrity in the Protestant Religion: and in all his Armies, he had but one General Officer, of the contrary Religion, *St Arthur Aston*, whom the Papists notwithstanding would not acknowledge for a Papist) This gave opportunity and excuse to many Persons of Quality, and great Interest in those Counties (between whom and that Lord's Family, there had been perpetual Feuds and Animosities) to lessen their Zeal to the King's Cause, out of jealousy of the others Religion; and those Contestations had been lately improv'd with some sharpness, by the Lord *Herbert's* Carriage towards the Lord Marquis of *Hertford*, during the time of his Residence there; when, out of vanity to magnifie his own Power, he had not shew'd that due regard to that of the other which he should have had. And no doubt, if he had been of that mind, it would much more have advanced the King's Service, if he would have contributed his full Assistance to another, who more Popularly might have born the Title of such a Command.

BUT on the other side, the necessity of disposing those parts, divided from the rest of the Kingdom, under the Command of some Person of Honour and Interest, was very visible; and the expedition in doing it was as necessary; the Parliament being possess'd of *Glocester*, and *Bristol*, and so having such an influence upon the Trade and Livelyhood of that People, by their absolute Command of the *Severn*, that except there were extraordinary care of keeping them, they would be quickly lost. Besides that, at the same time, there was discourse, in the Houses, "Of sending the Earl of *Pembroke* thither, whose Estate was very great in those parts, and his Reputation equal. The Parliament had already such footing in *Pembroke-shire*, that many of the principal Gentlemen had declared for Them; and the Harbour of *Milford-Haven* gave their Fleet opportunity to give them all supplies, and relief. This being the State of those parts, the Lord *Herbert* not only offer'd, but desir'd to receive that Command; and engaged himself, "Not only to secure it from the Opposition, "and Malignity of the other Party, but, before the Spring, "to raise such a strength of Horse, and Foot, and to provide such an Equipage to march with, that might reduce "*Glocester*, and be then added to the King's Army, when he "should be ready to take the Field; and all this so much at his own charge (for his Father, who was well able, would furnish Money, as was pretended, upon the King's promise to repay him, when he should be restor'd to his own) "that he would receive no part of the King's Revenue, or "of such Money, as his Majesty could be able to draw for "the supply of his own more immediate occasions.

THIS was a very great offer, and such as no Man else could so reasonably make. For the Marquis of *Worcester* was generally reputed the greatest Mony'd Man of the Kingdom; and, probably, might not think it an unthrifty thing, rather to disburse it for the King, who might be able to repay it, than to have it taken from him by the other Party; which would be hardly questionable if They prevail'd. The Lord *Herbert* himself was a Man of more than ordinary Affection and Reverence to the Person of the King, and one, who, he was sure, would neither deceive nor betray him. For his Religion, it might work upon Himself, but could not disquiet other Men. For though he were a Papist, he was never like to make others so; and his Reputation and Interest was very great with many Gentlemen of those Counties, who were not at all friends to his Religion. It was not possible to employ any Person of Interest, and Power in those parts (and there were many objections from the Nature, and Manners of that People, against a meer Stranger) against whom there would

would not be some Faction, and Animosity; for the Emulations, and Dissention between Families was general and notorious: and therefore it would be best to choose such a one, who was like to have a greater Faction for him, than against him. And it was to be hoped that the old Grudges, and Prejudices, which had been rather against the House of *Worcester*, and the Popish Religion professed there; than against the Person of this Lord, would have been composed, and declin'd by his fair and gentle Carriage towards all Men (as in truth he was of a civil, and obliging Nature) and by the publick-heartedness of those, who, for the Cause, and Conscience sake, would, it was hoped, Sacrifice all trivial and private Contentions to a Union that must vindicate the Religion, Honour, and Justice of the Kingdom.

UPON these reasons, and these presumptions, the King granted such a Commission, as is before mention'd to the Lord *Herbert*; who with more expedition than was expected by many, or by others believ'd possible, raised a Body of above fifteen hundred Foot, and near five hundred Horse, very well and sufficiently Arm'd; which increased the merit of the Service.

The Lord Herbert raises a little Army.

THE Horse he put under the Command of his Brother, the Lord *John Somerset*, a maiden Soldier too; and the Foot under Colonel *Lawley*, whom he made his Major General, a bold and a sprightly Officer. About the middle of *February* he march'd towards *Glocester*, with an ill Omen at his setting out; for a Rabble of the Country People being got together, without Order, or Officer of Name, Barricaded a little Village in the Forrest of *Deane*, call'd *Cover* (through which he was to pass) and refused to give him entrance; and out of a Window kill'd Colonel *Lawley*, and two Officers more, without hurting a Common Soldier; whereby that Body was destitute of any Person of Experience to Command them. However the Lord *Herbert*, who was himself seldom with his Forces, shortly after placed Colonel *Brett* in that Command; who, without any Skirmish of importance, march'd through the Forest of *Deane*, and fix'd a Quarter, which contain'd his whole Body, at the *Vineyard*, the Bishop of *Glocester's* Palace, within less than half a Mile of *Glocester*. And by that means, there being only a long Bridge over the *Severn*, by which Men could come out or go in to *Glocester*, he fully Block'd up the Town on that side, expecting that Prince *Maurice* from *Cirencester*, should take equal care to distress it on the other; which he did to a good degree.

BUT Sir *William Waller*, with a light Party of Horse, and Dragoons, near two thousand, from the Earl of *Essex's* Army, had made a quick march through *Wiltshire* (after his taking

of *Cirencester*) and taking, with little loss and trouble, a small Garrison of the King's, consisting of about six or sevenscore at *Malmesbury*, before it was fortified, or provided, made a face of looking towards *Cirencester*; where when he found he was expected, by a suddain Night March, in which he was very dexterous and successful, he posted to the River *Severn*, six Miles West of *Glocester*, from whence he had appointed many flat Boats to meet him; and in them, in the light day, the Guard of the River being either Treacherously, or Sortishly neglected by the Lord *Herbert's* Forces, Transported his whole Body, which, upon the advantage of that Pass, might have been resisted by a few Men. Hereupon the Consternation was so great among the new *Welsh* Soldiers, very few of their Officers having ever seen an Enemy, that though their Works were too good to be enter'd by Horse, and Dragoons; though the Avenues were but narrow, in all which they had Cannon planted, and their Numbers very near, if not fully, equal to the Enemy; upon the advance of *St William Waller* upon them, without giving, or receiving blow, they fairly sent out to Treat; and as kindly deliver'd up Themselves, and their Arms, upon the single grant of Quarter: A Submission so like a Stratagem, that the Enemy could hardly trust it. Yet, in the end, they made a shift to put near thirteen hundred Foot, and three Troops of Horse, Prisoners into *Glocester*, the Lord *Herbert* himself being at that time at *Oxford*, and the Lord *John Somers* set with three or four Troops at a safe distance from the rest.

*Is surpris'd
by St. William
Waller,
and Routed.*

THIS was the end of that Mushroom-Army, which grew up and perish'd so soon, that the loss of it was scarce apprehended at *Oxford*, because the Strength, or rather the Number, was not understood. But if the Money, which was laid out in Raising, Arming, and Paying that Body of Men, which never advanced the King's Service in the least degree, had been brought into the King's Receipt at *Oxford*, to have been employ'd to the most advantage, I am perswaded the War might have been ended the next Summer. For I have heard the Lord *Herbert* say, "That those preparations, and the other, which by that Defeat were render'd useless, cost above three-score thousand pounds; whereof, though much came from the Marquis's Coffers, yet, no doubt, the general Contributions from the Catholics made a good part: and very considerable Sums were receiv'd by him of the King's Revenue upon Wardships, and other ways: for it was a common practice in those times, for Men to get into Employments upon promises, that they would not do this or that, without which no body else would undertake that Service; and being, upon those terms, receiv'd into it, they immediately did the other,

other, because no other Man would do the Service without it.

THE fame of this prodigious Victory so subdued all those parts, that *Sr William Waller*, with the same spirit of celerity, and attended with the same Success, flew to *Hereford*; and though a walled Town, and replenish'd with a Garrison, had *Sr W. Waller takes Hereford, and Tewkesbury: both which he presently left.* That likewise deliver'd to him upon the same terms as the other was; and from thence (being with more confidence refused to be admitted into *Worcester*, than he thought reasonable to require it) pass'd to *Tewkesbury*; which he likewise surpris'd, being newly Garrison'd; his motion being so quick, that though Prince *Maurice* attended him with all possible diligence, he could never farther engage him than in light Skirmishes; and, having taken this progress, return'd safe to *Glocester*; and from thence to the Earl of *Essex's* Army; having made no other use of his Conquests, than the dishonouring so many places, which had so quietly yielded to him; into which (for he fix'd no one Garrison) the King's Forces immediately enter'd again. So that his Majesty's Quarters continued the same they were, harass'd only, and discountenanced, nothing streighten'd by this Incurſion; and the Lord *Herbert* again intended new Levies.

HAVING now, with as much clearness as I could, rememb'r'd the true State of the King's Affairs, and the condition of the Kingdom, at the end of this year 1642, with which I intend to conclude this sixth Book; I shall, before I return to *Oxford*, to conclude the year, briefly call to remembrance the disconsolate State of *Ireland*; of which, advantage was always taken against the King, to render him odious to the People, as if he countenanced, at least not sufficiently abhor'd, that wicked, and unnatural Rebellion. And this Imputation was with so great Art insinuated, that it got credit with many; inſomuch as I have heard some, who could make no other Excuse for adhering to the Parliament, say, "They were persuaded that the King favour'd those Rebels; which, they said, "Could not be without some design upon the Religion, "Liberty, and Prosperity of *England*. Whereas I can aver truly, upon as good grounds, as ever any Man spoke the heart of another, that the King always look'd upon it, as the most groundless, bloody, and wicked Rebellion, that ever possess'd the Spirits of that People; and was not more griev'd at any one circumstance of the Domestick distractions, than, as it hinder'd him from chastising, and taking Vengeance upon the Other: which from his Soul he desir'd.

BUT in this discourse of *Ireland*, it cannot be expected, that I should, neither do I intend to mention all the memorable Actions (in which were great Instances of God's own detestation of those inhuman Rebels, by the signal Victories he

gave against them) or the other Transactions within that Kingdom; but shall remember no more of that business, than had immediate reference to, and dependence on, the difference between the King and the two Houses of Parliament.

It is said before, that when the first visible rupture was declar'd between them, which was in the business of *Hull* (which the King understood to be a direct levying of War against him) in the Protestation made by his Majesty, "That he would no farther treat, or concur with them, in any Acts propos'd by them, till he first receiv'd reparation, or satisfaction in that particular; he always excepted what should any way concern *Ireland*: in which he offer'd to consent to whatsoever might reasonably conduce to the reducing those Rebels, and did, after that, concur in some Propositions of that Nature. Yet it is certain that, from that time, the two Houses were so busy in preparing the War for *England*, that they did very little prepare for the War of *Ireland*; save only by some small supplies of Money and Provisions. The King objected to them, "The employing the Monies, rais'd, by Act of Parliament, for the preservation and reduction of *Ireland*, with a special clause that the same should not be diverted to any other use whatsoever, in the supporting the unnatural War, and Rebellion against his Majesty; particularly one hundred thousand pounds at one time; and that many Soldiers rais'd under pretence of being sent into *Ireland*, were, contrary to their expectation and engagement, forced to serve under the Earl of *Essex* against the King; of which, he named, *Sr Faithful Fortescue's* Regiment of Horse, and the Lord *Wharton's*, and the Lord *Kerry's* Regiment of Foot.

To this they answer'd, "That albeit they had, upon the urgent occasions of this Kingdom, sometimes made use of Monies rais'd, and collected for *Ireland*; yet that they had in due time repaid it, and that the other Affairs had never suffer'd by the Loan: And for the Men, that it proceed'd from his Majesty's own default; for after they had rais'd them, with a serious intention to send them into *Ireland*, under the Command of the Lord *Wharton*, the King refused to grant a Commission to him to transport them, and so they had been compell'd to use them in their own Service here.

THE King replied, "That it appear'd, they had diverted that Money to other Uses than those for which it was provided; which was manifestly unlawful; and that it did not appear they had again reimburs'd it, because very little supply was sent thither, and very much wanted: and for the Soldiers, that They first levied them, without his Majesty's
"leave;

“leave; which they had always before ask’d, for their other
“Levies; and being levied, they desir’d a Commission for
“the Lord *Wharton* to command them absolutely, without
“any dependance upon the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*;
“which had been never heard of, and which his Majesty re-
“fused; but offer’d such a Commission as was granted to
“other Men.

ON the other hand, they objected to the King, “The seil-
ing some Cart-Horses at *Chester*, provided for the Train of
“Artillery for *Ireland*; that his Forces had taken many
“Cloaths, and Provisions, on the Road, which were going
“to *Chester* to be transported thither for the relief of the Sol-
“diers; and that he entertain’d, and countenanced Men in
“his Court, which were Favourers or Actors in that Rebel-
“lion: naming the Lord Viscount *Costelloe*, and the Lord *Taffe*,
which gave great umbrage to those who were well affected;
and as great encouragement to the Rebels there.

To the first, the King confess’d, “He found about sixscore
“Horses at *Chester*, which had long lain there; and, at his
“remove from *Nottingham*, knowing, the other Horse and
“Men, raised for *Ireland*, were then marching with the Earl
“of *Essex* against him, he knew not, but these likewise might
“be so employ’d, and therefore in his own necessity took
“them for his own draughts. For the Cloaths, which had
“been taken by his Soldiers, that it proceeded by the default
“of the Parliament; who, after the War was begun, had
“sent those Carriages through his Quarters, without sending
“to his Majesty for a Safe Conduct, or giving any notice to
“him of it till after they were taken: that it was within two
“Miles of *Coventry* (which was then in Rebellion) that those
“Cloaths were taken; and that, as soon as he knew they were
“design’d for *Ireland*, his Majesty had used the best means
“he could to recover them; but that the Soldiers, who were
“almost naked, had divided them for their own Supplies; and
“his Majesty offer’d to give a Safe Conduct at all times for
“whatsoever should be design’d for *Ireland*.

THE occasion of the other reproach, “For countenancing
“Persons who adher’d to the Rebels, was this. The Lords,
Dillon [Viscount *Costelloe*] and *Taffe*, had, four Months be-
fore, pass’d out of *Ireland* into *England*, having never been
in consort with the Rebels, but so much trusted by them, that
they desir’d, by Their Hands, to address a Petition to the
King; humble enough, desiring “Only to be heard, and of-
“fering to submit to his Majesty’s single Judgment. With
this Petition, and all other Instructions; as they pretended,
these Lords acquainted the Lords Justices, and Council of *Ire-*
land; who were so well satisfied with the Persons employ’d,
that

that they granted their Safe Pass, and sent Letters by them of Testimony. They were no sooner Landed in *England*, but they were apprehended, and sent Prisoners to the Parliament, and by them committed with all strictness, "As Agents employ'd by the Rebels of *Ireland* to the King; and that Circumstance inforced and spread among the People, with all licentious glosses against the King; who, for that reason, took no notice of their restraint, though from his Ministers he receiv'd advertisement of the truth of the whole business. After some time was spent in close Imprisonment, these Lords, by Petition, and all other Addresses they could make, press'd to be brought to any kind of Examination and Tryal; of which they found no other benefit, than that, upon this opportunity, their Imprisonment was less close; and, by degrees, under a formal restraint (which though more pleasant, was not less costly) had the Liberty of *London*, and from thence, after four Months restraint, without being formally charged with any crime, or brought to any Tryal, which they often desir'd, they escaped, and came to *Tork*; whither a Messenger from the House of Commons follow'd them, and demanded them as Prisoners.

MANY were of opinion, that they should have been deliver'd back; foreseeing that the Parliament would press the scandal of sheltering them much to the King's disadvantage; and any imputations, "Of countenancing the Rebels of *Ireland*, found more credit, and made deeper impression with the People, than any other discourses of "Protecting Malignants, "and Delinquents. On the other side, it was thought unreasonable, to remit Men to an Imprisonment, which appear'd to have been unjust, by their not being proceeded against in so long time; especially when their coming to the King would be declar'd such a crime, that it would be now in their Enemies power to cause them to be punish'd; which before they could not do; at best, it were to deliver them up to the Serjeant of the House of Commons, from whence no Innocence could redeem them, without paying such vast fees, as would amount to a greater Sum than they could probably be supplied with. So that the King, who wish'd that they had rather gone any whither than where He was, resolv'd to take no notice of their escape. And so they continued in His Quarters, and put themselves into the Troops; where they behaved themselves with good Courage, and frankly engaged their Persons in all dangerous Enterprises.

IN these Jealousies, and Contests, the King being visibly and confessedly unable to send Succours of any kind thither, and the Parliament having enough else to do, and, in truth, not taking so much pains to preserve it, as to impute the loss

of

of it to the King, poor *Ireland* got very small relief. The Earl of *Licester*, Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom, had receiv'd his dispatch from the King, before he went to *Shrewsbury*. But when the King thought he would have gone directly to *Chester*, and so to *Ireland*, his Lordship return'd to *London*; which encreas'd the King's jealousy, and prejudice to him; which his former Carriage, and a Letter writ lately by him from *Nottingham*, to the Earl of *Northumberland*, and by Order of Parliament Printed, had begot to a great degree. Shortly after his return to *London*, the House of Commons demanded "To see the Instructions he had receiv'd from the King; which, as it was unreasonable in them, so he had receiv'd express Command from the King, "Not to Communicate them. However, after he had avoided it as long as he could, and They continued peremptory in the demand, in the end, he produced them to be perus'd by the Committee of both Houses. The truth is, the Earl's condition was very slippery, and almost impossible to be safely managed by the most dexterous Person.

He was design'd to that Employment by the King, shortly upon the death of the Earl of *Strafford* (or rather before; not without some advice from That Earl) with as great circumstances of Grace and Favour, as could be; and as a Person, of whom entirely the King assur'd himself, being then so ungracious to the Parliament, that as there were some sharp glances at him in that time (which are before remember'd) so nothing preserv'd him from a publick exception, but the Interest of the Earl of *Northumberland*, whose Sister he had Married; whom that Party was not willing to irreconcile. After the Rebellion was broke out in *Ireland*, and the King had committed the carrying on the War to the Houses, he thought it absolutely necessary for his Province, to render himself as gracious to that People as was possible; and labour'd that with so good Effect, and Industry, that he omitted that care which should have been observ'd in continuing his Interest at Court. For the King and Queen grew every day less satisfied with him; which sure he did not with wariness enough provide against, though, I believe, he had never unfaithful purposes towards either of them; but did sadly project, by his demeanour, and interest in the Houses, to provide so well for *Ireland*, and to go thither in so good a condition, that, being once there, he might be able to Serve the King as he should be requir'd.

BUT one Man is rarely able to act both those parts: For his shewing his Instructions, he gave a reason, which, if he had been free from all other objections, might appear no ill excuse: "He knew his Instructions were such, that, being
"perus'd

“perused by the Committee, could by no misconstruction, or
 “possible perversion, be wrested to the King’s disadvantage;
 as indeed they never were able, nor ever attempted, to fix
 any reproach from them upon the King. “Whereas, after
 “they were so peremptorily requir’d, if he should have as
 “peremptorily refused to submit, they would have concluded
 “that there had been somewhat unjustifiable in them, and upon
 “that jealousy made no scruple of publishing the worst re-
 proaches upon his Majesty. And it may be, he was not
 without an imagination, that if by this contest he had drawn
 the displeasure of the two Houses upon him, as could not be
 avoided, his misfortune at Court might have suffer’d that con-
 test to have depress’d him. And when he left the King be-
 tween *Nottingham* and *Shrewsbury*, his condition was so low
 at Court, that a Man might have imagin’d his Interest would
 be best preserv’d by being within the Verge of the Parliament’s
 Protection. As his return to *London* was besides the King’s
 expectation, so his stay there was longer than seem’d to be in-
 tended by his own proposal; for he stay’d there above two
 Months, till after the Battle of *Edge-hill*, and both Parties be-
 ing fix’d in their Winter Quarters; and then, without waiting
 again on the King, though *Oxford* was very few Miles out of
 his way, about the end of *November*, he went to *Chester*, with
 a purpose of Transporting himself for *Ireland*, but without the
 least appearance of addition of Strength, or Provisions from
 the Parliament; neither were there Ships there, ready to Trans-
 port them.

ABOUT the end of *November*, four Officers of the Army
 in *Ireland*, *Sr James Montgomery*, *Sr Hardress Waller*, Colonel
Arthur Hill, and Colonel *Audley Mervin*, having been em-
 ploy’d from *Ireland* to sollicite the Parliament for Succours,
 came from *London* to *Oxford*, and deliver’d a Petition to the
 King, in which they told him, “That they had Address’d
 “themselves to the Parliament for Supplies, whose sense of
 “their Miseries, and inclination to redress them, appear’d
 “very tender to them; but the present distempers of the King-
 “dom of *England* were grown so great, that all future pas-
 “sages, by which comfort and life should be convey’d to that
 “gasping Kingdom, seem’d totally to be obstructed; so that
 “unless his Majesty, out of his singular Wisdom, and Fatherly
 “Care, applied some speedy remedy, his Loyal, and Distress’d
 “Subjects of that Kingdom must inevitably perish. They ac-
 “knowledge’d, his Princely favour and goodness since this
 “Rebellion, so abundantly express’d in a deep sense, and
 “lively resentment of their bleeding Condition: And therefore,
 “they besought him, among his other weighty Cares, so to
 “reflect upon the bleeding Condition of that perishing King-
 “dom,

“dom, that timely relief might be afforded. Otherwise his
“Loyal Subjects there must yield their Fortunes, as a Prey;
“their Lives, a Sacrifice; and their Religion a Scorn to the
“merciless Rebels, powerfully assisted from abroad.

AND indeed the condition of the Protestants, in that Kingdom, was very miserable: for, whilst the distractions of *England* kept them from receiving Succours from thence, the Rebels had Arms, Ammunition, Money, and Commanders, from *Rome, Spain, and France*; the Pope having sent a formal avow'd *Nuntio*, to whose Jurisdiction the *Irish* submitted; and the Kings of *France, and Spain*, having sent great Supplies, and their Agents, to countenance and foment the Rebellion; who gave notable countenance to the Assembly and form'd Council for the Rebels, settled at *Kilkenny*.

THE King, who well knew this Petition was sent by the permission of those at *Westminster*, and that the Agents employ'd were Men of notorious disaffection to him, who looked for some such Answer as might improve the envy of the People, used the Messengers with all possible grace, and return'd them as gracious an Answer: “That, from the beginning of that monstrous Rebellion, he had Had no greater Sorrow, than for the bleeding Condition of that his Kingdom. That he had, by all means, labour'd, that timely relief might be afforded to it, and consented to all Propositions, how disadvantageous soever to Himself, that had been offer'd to him to that purpose; and, not only at first recommended their Condition to both his Houses of Parliament, and immediately, of his own meer motion, sent over several Commissions, and caused some proportion of Arms, and Ammunition (which the Petitioners well knew to have been a great support to the Northern parts of that Kingdom) to be convey'd to them out of *Scotland*, and offer'd ten thousand Voluntiers to undertake that War; but had often press'd by many several Messages, that sufficient Succours might be hasten'd thither, and other matters of smaller importance laid by, which did divert it; and offer'd, and most really intended, in his own Royal Person, to have undergone the danger of that War, for the defence of his good Subjects, and the chastisement of those perfidious, and barbarous Rebels; and in his several expressions of his desires of Treaty and Peace, he had declar'd, the miserable present Condition and certain future Loss of *Ireland*, to be one of the principal Motives most earnestly to desire, that the present Distractions of This Kingdom might be Composed, and that others would concur with him to the same end.

He told them, “He was well pleas'd, that his Offers, Con-
“currence,

“currence, Actions, and Expressions, were so rightly understood by the Petitioners, and those who had employ’d them (notwithstanding the groundless, and horrid aspersions which had been cast upon him) but he wish’d, that, instead of a meer general Complaint, to which his Majesty could make no return but of Compassion, they could have digested, and offer’d to him any such desires, by consenting to which, he might convey, at least in some degree, comfort and life to That gasping Kingdom; preserve his Distressed, and Loyal Subjects of the same from inevitably perishing, and the true Protestant Religion from being scorn’d, and trampled on, by those merciless Rebels. And, if the Petitioners could yet think of any Such, and propose them to his Majesty, he assured them, that by his readiness to consent, and his thanks to them for the proposal, he would make it appear to them, that their most Pressing, Personal Sufferings, could not make Them more desirous of relief, than His care of the true Religion, and of his faithful Subjects, and of his Duty, which obliged him, to his Power, to Protect both, render’d Him desirous to afford it to Them.

THE King being fully inform’d now, as well by this Committee, as from his Ministers of State in That Kingdom, of the growing power of the Rebels in *Ireland*, and of the weak Resistance his good Subjects were like to make, whose only hopes depended upon those Succours which they presum’d the Lord Lieutenant would bring over with him, and that he was now going thither without the least addition of strength, or probable assurance that any would be sent after him; his Majesty consider’d likewise, that besides the damp this naked Arrival of the Lord Lieutenant There must cast upon the minds of all, it would make likewise a great alteration in the Conduct of Affairs There. For upon his Landing, the Commission to the Earl of *Ormond*, of Lieutenant General of the Army, would be determined; and there had those jealousies, and disrespectts, pass’d between the Earl of *Leicester* and Him, that the Earl of *Ormond* was resolv’d, no more to continue that Command, but immediately to Transport himself out of that Kingdom; by which the King should loose the Service of a Person much the most Powerful, most Able, and most Popular within that Kingdom; and who had, with wonderful Courage and Conduct, and almost miraculous Success, hitherto restrain’d the rage and fury of the Rebels, and indeed a Man so accomplish’d, that he had either no Enemies, or Such who were ashamed to profess they were so.

UPON these Considerations, the King thought fit, for some time, till he might farther weigh the whole business, to suspend the Earl of *Leicester’s* Journey: and therefore sent to him

him to *Chester* (where he had lain, in some indisposition of health, above a fortnight; and the Ships being not yet come for his Transportation) "To attend his Majesty at *Oxford*; which he did shortly after *Christmas*, and continued there; the King directing the Earl of *Ormond* (whom about this time he made a Marquis) "To carry on the War as he had done; and, "during the absence of the Lord Lieutenant, to dispose of all "Places, and Offices in the Army which became void. His Majesty likewise at this time made an alteration in the Civil Power; for whereas *Sr William Parsons*, and *Sr John Burlacy*, had continued Lords Justices from, and before the death of the Earl of *Strafford*, the King finding that *Sr William Parsons* (who was a Man of long experience in that Kingdom, and confess'd abilities, but always of suspected reputation) did him all imaginable disservice, and combined with the Parliament in *England*, remov'd him from that Trust; and, in his room, deputed *Sr Harry Tichborne*, a Man of so excellent a fame, that though the Parliament was heartily angry at the remove of the Other, and knew This would never be brought to serve Their turn, they could not fasten any reproach upon the King for this alteration.

ANOTHER circumstance must not be forgotten. After the War broke out in *England*, the Parliament had sent over two of their Members of the Commons (*Mr Raynolds*, and *Mr Goodwyn*) as a Committee into *Ireland*, to reside at *Dublin*, and had given directions to the Lords Justices, "That they "should have leave to be present at their Consultations; which they had; and were no other than Spies upon those, who should presume to deliver any opinions there not agreeable to the sense of the Houses. When the King made that alteration in the Government, he likewise took notice, that strangers were admitted to be present at their Debates, which had never been before practiced; and therefore required them, "That it "might be so no more. Hereupon, the Committee, who had "carried themselves very insolently, and seditiously there, and with notable contempt of the King, and His Authority, were by the Lords Justices, and Council, inhibited from being present at the Council; and thereupon they quickly left the Kingdom, and return'd to *London*; the Parliament unreasonably accusing the King of a new breach of Privilege, for this disrespect to their Members. This was the State of *Ireland*, the War being that Spring prosperously carried on by the Marquis of *Ormond*, and the Earl of *Leicester* still staying at *Oxford* with the Title of Lord Lieutenant. And so We will return to *Oxford*, and *London*.

MANY days being past since the return of the Committee of Lords and Commons from *Oxford*, with the King's Answer

swer to their Propositions, and no Reply being made by the Houses, or indeed any solemn Debate enter'd thereupon (for his Majesty had every day Information of what pass'd among them, even in their most secret Councils) and, on the contrary, preparations more vigorously intended for the War, than had been before, in sending out strong Parties to infect the King's Quarters (for besides the incursions, and progress of *Sr William Waller*, which are before remember'd, *M^r Hambden* had made some Attempts upon the *Brill*, a Garrison of the King's upon the Edge of *Buckingham-shire*, but without effect, and with some considerable loss) in Levying great Numbers of Men, for the recruiting the Earl of *Essex's* Army; and designing new extraordinary ways for the raising of Money, and associating several Counties of the Kingdom, towards the raising new Armies: The King, as well to have the conveniency of sending to *London* (of which Journeys he made good use) as to quicken, and necessitate them to some reply, sent another Message to them, putting them in mind of

"The Proposition he had made for a Cessation of Arms, and desired, "If they approv'd of a Cessation, that the day upon which they thought fit it should begin, and such particulars, limits, and conditions, of it, as were necessary to be understood, and agreed on, before the Cessation it self could actually begin, might be proposed by Them. Since, his Majesty said, "He supposed, by the present great Preparations of several Forces to march several ways, that till all that should be agreed upon, They did not conceive Themselves obliged to an actual Cessation; so neither, till Then, did his Majesty conceive Himself obliged to it; however, he wish'd it might be clearly understood between them, that no such imputations as had been formerly, might be laid upon Him, upon occasion of any thing that might intervene.

The King
puts the two
Houses in
mind of his
Proposition
for a Cessa-
tion of
Arms.

THIS Message put a necessity upon them, of entering again upon the Argument, and gave them who desir'd Peace and Accommodation, an opportunity to press for the Debate, which had been craftily laid aside for the dispatch of other matters; that Party, which was most deeply engaged in the War, and resolv'd to carry it on, having a notable dexterity in keeping those things from being Debated, in which they found Their sense would not prevail. And at this time, the Number of those in both Houses, who really desired the same Peace the King did, was (if they had not been overwitted by them) superior to the other. For, besides that many Persons, who from the beginning had always dissented from them, for their ease and conveniency had stay'd among them, very many were convinced in their understandings, that

that they had been misled; and discerned, in what a bottomless Gulph of Misery the Kingdom would be plung'd, if an immediate Composure were not made; and some of those who had been as fierce as any, and given as great countenance to the kindling the Fire, either out of Conscience that they had done amiss, or fear that the King would prevail by Power, or Anger that they found other Men valued above them; in their present Distraction, or their natural Inconstancy even in ill, were most solicitous for a Treaty. So that within few days after the receipt of this Message, both Houses agreed, "That there should be a Treaty, in which so much of the King's Propositions as concern'd the Magazines, Forts, and Ships, and the Proposition of both Houses for the disbanding the Armies, should be first treated on, and concluded, before the proceeding to treat upon any other of the Propositions; and that the Treaty should begin the fourth of March, or sooner if it might be; and that, from the beginning, the time should not exceed twenty days.

Both Houses agree there should be a Treaty; and they send for a safe Conduct.

THE Persons they made choice of to Treat, were the Earl of Northumberland, the Lord Say, Mr Pierrepont, Mr William Armin, Sr John Holland, and Mr Whitlock, for whose Safe Conduct they dispatch'd a Messenger to his Majesty; this resolution being taken but the last day of February. As soon as the request was presented, the King return'd a Safe Conduct for the Earl of Northumberland, and the four Commoners, but refused to admit the Lord Say to his presence, upon the same exception he had formerly refus'd Sr John Evelyn at Colebrook; his Lordship being Personally excepted from Pardon by a Former Proclamation; but signified, "That if they would employ any other Person not within the same Rule, he should as freely come as if he were in the Safe Conduct.

The King grants it is all they name but the Lord Say.

WHETHER the Lord Say was nominated by those who believ'd they should be able, upon the refusal of Him (which they could not but foresee) to break off all Overtures of farther Treaty; or whether they believ'd, they had so far prevail'd by underhand Negotiations at Oxford, that he should be admitted, and that he would have been able to persuade the King to yield to what they propos'd, or at least to have engaged the King to those who would have yielded to him, I know not; but as it was not so insisted on at Westminster as to break the Treaty, so, many were of opinion at Oxford, that the King should have admitted him. They said, "He was a wise Man, and could not but know, that it would not be possible for him to make any impression upon his Majesty's Judgment in the Propositions in Debate; and therefore, that he would never have suffer'd himself to be design'd to that Negotiation (which, without doubt, by his Interest

"in both Houses he might have prevented) if he did not purpose to do some signal service to his Majesty. And indeed many believ'd, "That if he had come, and found the King's goodness inclin'd to pardon, and trust him, that he would have done the best he could, to redeem his former breaches. Others were of opinion, "That he was so far from being inclin'd to serve the King, or advance the Treaty, that they would have sent him as a Spy, lest others should; and these were the thoughts both at *Oxford* and *London*. But the King, who knew the Lord *Sey* as well as any of them, believ'd that it was not in his Power to do any good, and if it had, that it was not in his Will; was resolv'd not to break his Rule, lest such a remission might give advantage against him in the future: and so sent the Answer above remember'd. Together with this desire of a safe Conduct, they sent his Majesty word, "That they had likewise consented, that there should be a Cessation of Arms on either side, under the Restrictions, and Limitations, hereafter following.

*The Two
Houses send
their Terms
for a Cessa-
tion.*

1. "THAT all manner of Arms, Ammunition, Victuals, Money, Bullion, and all other Commodities, passing without such a safe Conduct as may Warrant their passage, may be stay'd and seized on, as if no Cessation was agreed on.

2. "THAT all manner of Persons, passing without such a Safe Conduct as is mention'd in the Article next going before, shall be apprehended and detain'd, as if no such Cessation were agreed on at all.

3. "THAT his Majesty's Forces in *Oxford-shire* should advance no nearer to *Windsor* than *Wheatly*, and in *Buckingham-shire* no nearer to *Aylesbury* than *Brill*; and that, in *Berk-shire*, the Forces respectively shall not advance nearer the one to the other, than Now they are: And, that the Parliament Forces in *Oxford-shire* shall advance no nearer to *Oxford* than *Hewley*, and those in *Buckingham-shire* no nearer to *Oxford* than *Aylesbury*: and that his Majesty's Forces shall take no new Quarters, above twelve miles from *Oxford*, any way; and the Parliament Forces shall take no new Quarters, above twelve miles from *Windsor* any way.

4. "THAT no Siege shall be begun, or continued against *Glocester*; and that his Majesty's Forces, now employ'd in the Siege, shall return to *Cirencester* and *Mahmsbury*, or to *Oxford*, as shall be most for their convenience; and the Parliament Forces, which are in *Glocester-shire*, shall remain in the Cities of *Glocester*, *Bristol*, and the Castle, and Town of *Berkley*, or retire nearer to *Windsor*, as they shall see cause: And that those of *Wales*, which are drawn to *Glocester*, shall return to their Quarters where they were before they drew down to *Glocester-shire*.

5. "THAT

5. "THAT in case it be pretended on either side, that the Cessation is violated, no Act of Hostility is immediately to follow, but first the Party complaining is to acquaint the Lord General on the other side, and to allow three days, after notice, for satisfaction; and in case satisfaction be not given, or accepted, then five days notice to be given, before Hostility begin, and the like to be observ'd in the remoter Armies, by the Commanders in chief.

6. "LASTLY, that all other Forces, in the Kingdom of England, and Dominion of Wales, not before mention'd, shall remain in the same Quarters, and Places, as they are at the time of Publishing this Cessation, and under the same conditions as are mention'd in the Articles before. And that this Cessation shall not extend, to restrain the setting forth, or employing of any Ships, for the Defence of his Majesty's Dominions.

ALL which they desired "His Majesty would be pleas'd to ratify, and confirm: and that this Cessation might begin upon the fourth of *March* next, or sooner if it might be; and continue until the five and twentieth of the same Month; and in the mean time to be publish'd on either side; and that the Treaty might likewise commence upon the same day; and the continuance thereof not to exceed twenty days.

THESE Propositions were deliver'd to his Majesty on the first of *March*, which was almost a Month after the Cessation had been propos'd by him (for His Propositions were made on the third of *February*) which administer'd cause of doubt, that the Overture was not sincere; since it was hardly possible, that the Cessation could begin so soon as the fourth, by which time, though the King should consent to the terms propos'd, upon sight, his Answer could very hardly be return'd to them. But the Articles themselves were such as occasion'd much Debate, and difference of opinion, among those who desired the same thing. The King, after the examination of them with his Privy Council, and at a Council of War, made a Committee out of each, to consider the inconvenience; his consent to them might produce to his Party, if that Cessation, and Treaty, did not Produce a Peace; and the inequality in them, if the Overture pass'd from an equal Enemy according to the Rules of War. Some were of opinion, "That the Cessations should be consented to by the King, upon the Articles propos'd, though they should be thought unequal, not only because it would be an Act of great grace, and compassion to the People, to give them some respite, and taste of Peace, and the not consenting to it (the reason not being so easy to be understood) would be as impopular, and

“ungracious; but that, they believ’d, it would at least cast
 “the People into such a slumber, that much of their fury and
 “madness would be abated; and that they would not be ea-
 “sily induced to part with the ease they felt, and would look
 “upon That Party as an Enemy, that robbed them of it; that
 “it would give an opportunity of charitable Intercourse, and
 “revive that freedom of Conversation, which, of it self, upon
 “so great advantage of reason, as they believ’d the King’s
 “cause gave, would rectify the understanding of many who
 “were misled; but especially, that it would not only hinder
 “the recruit of the Earl of *Essex*’s Army (for that no man
 “would be so mad to declare themselves against the King,
 “when they saw a Cessation, in order to restoring the King
 “to his Rights) but would lessen the Forces he had already;
 “in that the Army consisted most of Men engag’d by the Pay,
 “not Affection to the Cause; who upon such a remission of
 “duty as would necessarily attend a Cessation, would aban-
 “don a Party which they foresaw, upon a Peace, must be
 “condemn’d, though it might be secure: And whereas all Over-
 “tures of a Treaty hitherto had advanced their Levies upon
 “pretence of being in a posture not to be condemn’d, they be-
 “liev’d, a real Cessation would render those Levies impossible.

OTHERS thought “Any Cessation disadvantageous enough
 “to the King; and therefore, that the terms, upon which it
 “was to be made, were to be precisely look’d to: that the
 “Articles propos’d would only produce a suspension of pre-
 “sent Acts of Hostility, and Blood, among the Soldiers; but
 “not give the least taste of Peace, or admit the least benefit
 “to the People, for that all Intercourse, and Conversation was
 “inhibited, in so much as no Person of the King’s Party,
 “though no Soldier, had liberty to visit his Wife, or Fa-
 “mily, out of the King’s Quarters, during this Cessation;
 “and the hindering Recruits could only prejudice the King,
 “not at all the Earl of *Essex*, who had at present a greater
 “Army than ever before; and the City of *London* was such
 “a Magazine of Men, as could supply him upon very small
 “warning. Besides, though the State of the King’s Army
 “and Quarters, about *Oxford*, was such as might receive
 “some advantage by a Cessation; yet, in the West, it was
 “hoped his Affairs were in the bud; and the Earl of *New-
 Castle* was so much Master in the North, that if a Peace
 “ensued not (which Wise Men did not believe was seriously
 “intended on the Parliament’s part, by reason the Propositions
 “to be treated on, were so unreasonable, and impossible
 “to be consented to) such a Cessation would hinder the mo-
 “tion and progress of the Earl’s good Fortune, and give
 “time to the Lord *Fairfax*, who was at present very low, to
 “put

“ put himself into such a posture as might give new trouble. And 'tis certain the Northern Forces had then great dread of this Cessation.

To these Considerations was added another of greater moment, and which could be less answer'd by any access of benefit, and advantage on the King's Party. Hitherto the Parliament had rais'd their vast Sums of Money, for the support of their Army (which could only be supported by constant great Pay) and for the discharge of their other immense Expences, incident to such a Rebellion, from the City of *London*, and principally from their Friends, not daring so rigidly to execute their Ordinances generally, but contented themselves with some severe judgments upon particular Men, whom they had branded with some extraordinary mark of Malignancy, out of *London*, save only that they gleaned among their own Zealots upon voluntary Collections, and plunder'd by their Army, which brought no supply to their Common Stock: And of what they impos'd upon Cities, and Towns, wherein they had Garrisons (in which they had been likewise very tender) they had receiv'd very little; not venturing yet, by any general Tax, and Imposition upon the People, to inflame them, and inform them how they meant to invade their Liberty, and their Property, with the jealousy whereof, they had blown them up to all those swellings, and seditious Humours against the King; and apprehending, that if they should attempt that, any encouragement of strength from any of the King's Armies, would make the whole Kingdom rise against them.

BUT now, after they had agreed to a Treaty, and framed even Articles for a Cessation; they pass'd an Ordinance for a Weekly Assessment throughout the Kingdom, towards the support of the War; by which, was impos'd upon the City of *London* the Weekly Sum of ten thousand pounds, and upon the whole Kingdom no less than a Weekly Payment of thirty three thousand five hundred and eighteen pounds, amounting in the year to one Million seven hundred forty two thousand nine hundred thirty six pounds; a prodigious Sum for a People to bear, who, before this War, thought the payment of two Subsidies in a year, which, in the best times, never amounted to above two hundred thousand pounds, and never in our Age to above an hundred and fifty; an insupportable burthen upon the Kingdom: Which indeed had scarce born the same, under all the Kings that ever Reign'd.

FOR the speedy and exact Collection whereof, they appointed, by the same Ordinance, Commissioners in each County, such as were sufficiently inclined to, and engaged in

Their designs. To this they added other Ordinances, for exacting the twentieth part, and other payments, throughout the Kingdom; which had been only undergone (and that not generally) in *London*; and, above all, for the Sequestering, and seising of the Estates of all who adher'd to the King. "Now if a Cessation were consented to by the King, on the Articles propos'd, and thereby the King's Forces lock'd up within the several limits and narrow bounds, in which they were contain'd, these Ordinances might be executed throughout all their Quarters; and thereby vast sums be rais'd. Their great Association of *Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Bedford, and Essex* (in neither of which the King had any visible Party, or one fix'd Quarter) upon which, the apprehension of the Earl of *New-Castle's* advance upon them, kept them from notable pressures, would by this means yield them a great supply of Men and Money. In *Somerset-shire*, and *Devon-shire*, whilst *Sr Ralph-Hopton* might hereby be kept from advancing, They might raise what they would, and might dispose of the Stocks, and personal Estates of those, whom they had, and would declare to be Malignant; and so this Cessation, besides the damage, and prejudice to the Loyal Party, would probably fill the Rebels Coffers, the emptiness whereof was the most, if not only, probable way and means to determine the War.

THESE Considerations made a deep impression upon those, who believ'd the Treaty was not like to produce a Peace; the Number of which was encreased by a new Resolution, at this time enter'd upon, and vigorously prosecuted, "To Fortify the City of *London*, and to draw a Line about it; which was executed with marvellous expedition; which, many believ'd, would not have been then done, both for the charge and jealousy of it, if it had not been resolv'd it should not yet return to the King's Obedience. And many Persons of Honour, and Quality, about the King, who had given great life to his Affairs, were so startled with the sense of it, that they address'd themselves together to his Majesty, and besought him, "That they might not lose that now, by an unequal Cessation, which had been preserv'd for them, during the Licence of Hostility; and that His, and Their Enemies, might not be that way enabled to destroy them, which yet they durst not attempt to do by any Other. The King hereupon, after solemn Debates in Council, the chief Officers of his Army being present, resolv'd to make such Alterations in the Articles, as might make the terms a little more equal, at least prevent so intolerable disadvantages.

The City of
London
Fortified.

The King's
proposals of
Alterations
in the two
Houses Ar-
ticles of Ces-
sation.

1. "To the first Article as it was propos'd by them, his Majesty fully, and absolutely consented.

2. "To the second likewise fully, as far as it concern'd all Officers and Soldiers of the Army; but He propos'd "That all other his Subjects, of what Quality, or Condition "soever, might, during the Cessation, pass to and from the "Cities of *Oxford*, or *London*, or any other parts of his Majesty's Dominions, without any search, stay, or imprisonment of their Persons, or seizure, and detention of their "Goods or Estates: And that all manner of Trade, and "Commerce, might be open and free between all his Subjects, except between the Officers, and Soldiers of either "Army, or for Arms, Ammunition, Money, Bullion, or "Victuals for the use of either Army, without a Pass, or Safe "Conduct; which, his Majesty told them, "Would be a good "beginning to renew the Trade, and Correspondence of the "Kingdom, and whereby his Subjects might be restor'd to "that Liberty and Freedom they were born to, and had so "happily enjoy'd 'till these miserable distractions; and which, "even during this War, his Majesty had, to his utmost, labour'd to preserve; opening the way, by most strict Proclamations to the passage of all Commodities, even to the "City of *London* it self.

3, 4, 5, 6, To these the King likewise consented, with two provisions: First, "That such Ships as were necessary to be "set forth, should be Commanded by such Persons as his "Majesty should approve of. Secondly, that during the Cessation, none of his Subjects should be imprison'd otherwise "than according to the known Laws of the Land, and that "there should be no plundering, or violence offer'd to any of "his Subjects. The first of these was inserted (without purpose of insisting on it) left by the King's consent to the Article, in the Terms it was propos'd, he might be thought to consent in any degree to their usurpation of the Naval Authority. And the second was, to prevent the execution of the Ordinances before mention'd.

AND his Majesty told them, "He hoped, these small Alterations would sufficiently manifest, how solicitous he was "for the Good of his People, for whose Liberties he should "insist, when in matters meerly concerning Himself, he might "descend to easier Conditions; and how desirous he was, "that, in this unnatural Contention, no more Blood of his "Subjects might be spilt, upon which he look'd with much "Grief, Compassion, and Tendernefs of Heart, even on the "Blood of those, who had lifted up their hands against him. And "therefore he doubted not, but both Houses would consent "to them. However, if any scruples should be made, he was

“willing that the Commissioners for the Treaty might never-
 “theless immediately come to him, and so all matters con-
 “cerning the Cessation might be there settled between them.

AFTER this Answer return’d by the King, many days pass’d without any return to Him; and in the mean time another Address was made to his Majesty, upon which the great Managers at *London* had set their Hearts, more than upon the Treaty; and for which indeed they deferr’d their Treaty. They had still a great dependence and confidence upon their Brethren of *Scotland*, and yet that People moved very slowly; and, since the Earl of *Essex* had been settled in his Winter Quarters, there had been high Quarrels between the *English* and *Scotch* Officers, inasmuch as, upon some reproachful words which had been cast out, many Swords were one day drawn in *Westminster-Hall*, when the Houses were sitting, between them; and some Blood drawn, which (though the Houses industriously labour’d to compose it with Declarations “Of their joyn’t value and respect of that Nation with “their own, and that their deserts could only distinguish them) gave so great umbrage, that many of the *Scots*, some of eminent Command, quitted the Service; and it was hoped it would have broke any farther National Combination in Mischief.

BUT the general inclination to Rebellion master’d those particular Considerations, and Disobligations; and, about the end of *February*, to facilitate the King’s consent to the Grand Proposition for the extirpation of Episcopacy) which the two Houses had been, by the Arts before mention’d, wrought to make; when in truth, there were very few of themselves desir’d it; as, when it pass’d the House of Peers, there were but five Lords present) there arriv’d at *Oxford* the Earl of *Lowden*, Lord Chancellor of *Scotland*, and Mr *Alexander Henderson*, a Man of equal Fame in the distractions that arose in that Kingdom: the former came as a Commissioner from the Lords of the Secret Council of that Kingdom, or, as they then thought fit to call themselves, “The Conservators of the “Peace between the two Kingdoms; and desir’d to pass as a Mediator in the differences between the King and the two Houses, and that the King would give them leave upon the matter to be Umpires between them. The other, Mr *Henderson*, had a special employment from the Assembly of the Kirk of *Scotland*, to present a Petition from that Body to the King; the which, because it was then thought of a very strange nature, and dialect, and because I shall always report the Acts of that Nation (as far as I am oblig’d to mention them) in their own words, I think very convenient to insert in this place.

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BUT it will be first necessary, for the better understanding one angry clause in it, to remember, that, when the Earl of *New-Castle* march'd into *Tork-shire*, upon occasion of some Aspersions publish'd against him by the Lord *Fairfax*, "That his Army consisted only of Papiſts, and that his design was "to extirpate the Protestant Religion, the Earl set forth a Declaration of the reasons of his marching into that Country, which was, "Upon the desire of the principal Gentlemen, to "rescue, and protect them from the Tyranny of the Parlia- "ment; and then, taking notice of "The Scandalous imputa- "tions upon him in point of Religion, after he had vindicated himself from the least suspicion of inclination to Popery, he confess'd "He had granted Commissions to many Papiſts, "which, as He knew, was, in this case, agreeable to the Laws "of the Kingdom, so he believ'd it very agreeable to the pre- "sent Policy; and that the quarrel between the King and "the two Houses, being not ground'd upon any matter of "Religion, the Rebels professing themselves to be of the same "of which his Majesty was clearly known to be, and the Pa- "piſts generally at this time appearing very Loyal to him, "which too many Protestants were not, he thought their As- "sistance might very fitly be made use of, to suppress the Re- "bellion of the other. And from thence these Zealous Scots concluded, that he preferr'd the Papiſts, in point of Loyalty, before the Protestants; which was a Calumny of so publick a concernment, that they could not be silent in. Their Petition follows in these words.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty;

The humble Petition of the Commissioners of the General Assembly of the Kirk of Scotland met at Edenborough Jan. 4. 1642.

"OUR Silence, and ceasing to present before your Ma-
 "jesty our humble thoughts and desires, at this time of Com-
 "mon danger to Religion, to your Majesty's Sacred Person,
 "your Crown, and Posterity, and to all your Majesty's Do-
 "minions, were impiety against God, unthankfulness, and
 "disloyalty against your Majesty, and indirect approbation
 "and hardening of the adversaries of Truth and Peace in
 "wicked ways, and cruelty against Our Brethren, lying in
 "such depths of Affliction, and anguish of Spirit; any one of
 "which crimes were, in us above all others, unexcusable, and
 "would prove us most unworthy of the trust committed un-
 "to us. The flame of this Common Combustion hath al-
 "most devour'd *Ireland*, is now wasting the Kingdom of
 "England,

The Petition of the General Assembly of the Kirk of Scotland presented to the King by Mr Henderson, sign'd Jan. 4. 1642.

“*England*, and We cannot tell how soon it shall enter upon
 “Our selves, and set this your Majesty’s most Ancient, and
 “Native Kingdom on fire. If in this woful case, and lamen-
 “table condition of your Majesty’s Dominions, all others
 “should be silent, it behoveth us to speak; and if Our
 “Tongues and Pens should cease, our Consciences within us
 “would cry out, and the stones in the Streets would An-
 “swer us.

“OUR great grief, and apprehension of danger, is not a
 “little encreased, partly by the insolence, and presumption of
 “Papists, and others disaffected to the Reformation of Re-
 “ligion, who, although for their Number, and Power, they
 “be not considerable among us, yet, through the success of
 “the Popish Party in *Ireland*, and the hopes they conceive of
 “the prevailing Power of the Popish Armies, and the Prela-
 “tical Faction in *England*, they have of late taken Spirit, and
 “begun to speak big words against the Reformation of Reli-
 “gion, and the work of God in this Land; and partly, and
 “more principally, that a chief praise of the Protestant Reli-
 “gion (and thereby our not vain, but just gloriation) is, by
 “the publick Declaration of the Earl of *New-Castle*, General
 “of your Majesty’s Forces for the Northern parts and nearest
 “unto us, transferr’d unto Papists; who, although they be
 “sworn Enemies unto Kings, and be as infamous for their
 “Treasons, and Conspiracies against Princes and Rulers, as
 “for their known Idolatry, and spiritual Tyranny, yet are
 “they openly declar’d to be not only good Subjects, or bet-
 “ter Subjects, but far better Subjects than Protestants: which
 “is a new, and foul disparagement of the Reform’d Religion,
 “a notable injury to your Majesty in your Honour, a sensible
 “Reflection upon the whole Body of this Kingdom, which is
 “impatient, that any Subjects should be more Loyal than
 “They; but abhorreth, and extremely disdaineth, that Pa-
 “pists, who refuse to take the Oath of Allegiance, should be
 “compared with them in Allegiance, and Fidelity; and which
 “(being a strange Doctrine from the Mouth, or Pen of pro-
 “fess’d Protestants) will suffer a hard construction from all the
 “Reform’d Kirks.

“WE therefore, your Majesty’s most humble and loving
 “Subjects, upon these and the like Considerations, do humbly
 “entreat, that your Majesty may be pleased, in your Princely
 “Wisdom, first to consider, that the intentions of Papists, di-
 “rected by the Principles of their Profession, are no other
 “than they have been from the beginning, even to build their
 “Babel, and to set up their execrable Idolatry, and Anti-
 “Christian Tyranny, in all your Majesty’s Dominions; to
 “change the face of your two Kingdoms of *Scotland*, and
 “*England*,

“*England*, into the similitude of miserable *Ireland*; which is
 “more bitter to the People of God, your Majesty’s good Sub-
 “jects, to think upon, than death; and whatsoever their pre-
 “sent pretences be, for the defence of your Majesty’s Person
 “and Authority, yet, in the end, by their Arms, and Power,
 “with a display’d Banner, to bring that to pass against your
 “Royal Person, and Posterity, which the Fifth of *November*,
 “never to be forgotten, was not able by their subtle and un-
 “dermining Treason to produce; or, which will be their
 “greatest Mercy, to reduce your Majesty, and your King-
 “doms, to the base and unnatural Slavery of their Monarch,
 “the Pope: and next, that your Majesty, upon this unde-
 “niable evidence, may timouly and speedily apply your Royal
 “Authority, for disbanding their Forces, suppressing their
 “Power, and disappointing their Bloody and Merciless Pro-
 “jects.

“AND for this end, We are with greater earnestness than
 “before, constrain’d to fall down again before your Majesty,
 “and, in all Humility, to renew the supplication of the late
 “general Assembly, and our own former Petition in Their
 “name, for Unity of Religion, and Uniformity of Church
 “Government in all your Majesty’s Kingdoms, and, to this
 “effect, for a meeting of some Divines to be holden in *Eng-
 “land*, unto which, according to the desire of your Majesty’s
 “Parliament, some Commissioners may be sent from this Kirk;
 “that, in all points to be proposed, and debated, there may
 “be the greater Consent, and Harmony. We take the bold-
 “ness to be the more instant in this our humble desire, be-
 “cause it concerneth the Lord Jesus Christ so much in His
 “Glory, your Majesty in your Honour, the Kirk of *England*
 “(which we ought to tender as our own Bowels, and whose
 “Reformation is more dear unto us than our Lives) in Her
 “happines, and the Kirk of *Scotland* in her purity, and peace;
 “former experience, and daily sense teaching us, that, with-
 “out the Reformation of the Kirk of *England*, there is no
 “hope or possibility of the continuance of Reformation Here.

“THE Lord of Heaven and Earth, whose Vice-Gerent
 “your Majesty is, calleth for this great work of Reformation
 “at your hands; and the present Commotions, and Troubles
 “of your Majesty’s Dominions, are either a preparation, in
 “the mercy of God, for this blessed Reformation and Unity
 “of Religion (which is the desire, prayers, and expectation
 “of all your Majesty’s good Subjects in this Kingdom) or,
 “which they tremble to think upon, and earnestly deprecate,
 “are (in the justice of God, for the abuse of the Gospel, the
 “tolerating of Idolatry, and Superstition, against so clear a
 “light, and not acknowledging the day of Visitation) the be-
 “ginning

“ginning of such a doleful desolation, as no Policy or Power
 “of Man shall be able to prevent, and as shall make your Ma-
 “jesty’s Kingdoms, within a short time, as miserable, as they
 “may be happy by a Reformation of Religion. God forbid
 “that, whilst the Houses of Parliament do profess their de-
 “fire of the Reformation of Religion in a Peaceable, and
 “Parliamentary way, and pass their Bills for that end in the
 “particulars; that your Majesty, the Nurse Father of the
 “Kirk of Christ, to whose care the custody and vindication
 “of Religion doth principally belong, should, to the pro-
 “voking of the Anger of God, the stopping of the influence
 “of so many blessings from Heaven, and the grieving of the
 “Hearts of all the Godly, frustrate our expectation, make our
 “hopes alham’d, and hazard the loss of the Hearts of all your
 “good Subjects; which, next unto the truth, and unity of
 “Religion, and the safety of your Kingdoms, are willing to
 “hazard their Lives, and spend their Blood, for your Ma-
 “jesty’s Honour, and Happiness.

“We are not ignorant, that the work is great, the diffi-
 “culties and impediments many; and that there be both Moun-
 “tains, and Lyons in the way; the strongest lett, till it be
 “taken out of the way, is the Mountain of Prelacy: And no
 “wonder, if your Majesty consider, how many Papists, and
 “Popishly affected, have, for a long time, found Peace, and
 “Ease, under the shadow thereof; how many of the Prelatical
 “Faction have thereby their life and being; how many pro-
 “phane, and worldly Men, do fear the Yoke of Christ, and
 “are unwilling to submit themselves to the obedience of the
 “Gospel; how many there be, whose Eyes are dazzled with
 “the external Glory and Pomp of the Kirk; whose minds are
 “mis-carried with a conceit of the Governing of the Kirk by
 “the Rules of human Policy; and whose Hearts are affrighted
 “with the apprehensions of the dangerous consequences, which
 “may ensue upon alterations. But when your Majesty, in
 “your Princely and Religious Wisdom, shall remember, from
 “the Records of former times, how against the Gates of Hell,
 “the force and fraud of wicked and worldly Men, and all
 “panick fears of danger, the Christian Religion was first
 “planted; and the Christian Kirk thereafter reform’d: And,
 “from the condition of the present times, how many, from the
 “experience of the Tyranny of the Prelates, are afraid to dis-
 “cover themselves, lest they be reveng’d upon them hereafter
 “(whereas Prelacy being remov’d, they would openly profess
 “what they are, and joyn with others in the way of Reforma-
 “tion) all obstacles, and difficulties shall be but matter of the
 “manifestation of the Power of God, the principal worker;
 “and means of the greater Glory to your Majesty, the prime
 “Instrument.

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“THE Intermixture of the Government of Prelates with
“the Civil State, mention’d in your Majesty’s Answer to
“Our former Petition, being taken away, and the right Go-
“vernment by Assemblies, which is to be seen in all the Re-
“form’d Kirks; and wherein the Agreement will be easy, be-
“ing settled; the Kirk, and Religion, will be more pure, and
“free from mixture, and the Civil Government more sound
“and firm. That Government of the Kirk must suit best
“with the Civil State, and be most useful for Kings and
“Kingdoms, which is best warrant’d by God, by whom Kings
“do Reign, and Kingdoms are establish’d. Nor can a Refor-
“mation be expected in the common and ordinary way, ex-
“press’d also in your Majesty’s Answer. The Wisest and most
“Religious Princes have found it impossible, and implying a
“Repugnancy, since the Persons to be Reform’d, and Refor-
“mers, must be diverse; and the way of Reformation must
“be different from the corrupt way, by which defection of
“Workmen, and corruption in Doctrine, Worship, and Go-
“vernment, have enter’d into the Kirk. Suffer Us therefore,
“Dread Sovereign, to renew our Petitions for this Unity of
“Religion, and Uniformity of Kirk Government, and for a
“meeting of some Divines of both Kingdoms, who may pre-
“pare matters for your Majesty’s View, and for the Exami-
“nation, and Approbation of more full Assemblies. The Na-
“tional Assembly of this Kirk, from which We have Our
“Commission, did promise, in their thanksgiving for the many
“favours express’d in your Majesty’s Letter, their best en-
“deavour to keep the People under their Charge in Unity, and
“Peace, and in Loyalty, and Obedience to your Majesty, and
“your Laws, which, We confess, is a duty well bebecoming the
“Preachers of the Gospel.

“BUT We cannot conceal how much both Pastors and
“People are griev’d, and disquieted with the late reports of
“the success, boldness, and strength of Popish Forces in Ire-
“land, and England; and how much danger, from the power
“of so malicious, and bloody Enemies, is apprehended to the
“Religion, and Peace of this Kirk, and Kingdom, conceiv’d
“by them to be the spring, whence have issued all their Ca-
“lamities, and Miseries. Which We humbly remonstrate
“to your Majesty as a necessity requiring a General Assembly,
“and do earnestly supplicate for the Presence, and Assistance
“of your Majesty’s Commissioner, and the day to be appoint-
“ed; that by universal consent of the whole Kirk, the best
“course may be taken for the preservation of Religion, and
“for the averting of the great Wrath, which they conceive
“to be imminent to this Kingdom. If it shall please the Lord,
“in whose hand is the heart of the King, as the Rivers of
“waters,

“waters to turn it whithersoever he will, to incline your Majesty’s heart to this through Reformation; no more to tolerate the Mass, or any part of Romish Superstition, or Tyranny; and to Command that all good means be used for the conversion of your Princely Consort, the Queen’s Majesty (which is also the humble desire of this whole Kirk and Kingdom) your joynt Comforts shall be multiplied above the days of your Affliction, to your incredible joy; your Glory shall shine in brightness above all your Royal Progenitors, to the admiration of the World, and the terror of your Enemies: And your Kingdom so far abound in righteousness, peace, and prosperity, above all that have been in former Generations, that they shall say, *it is good for Us, that We have been afflicted.*”

THIS Petition was not stranger in it self, than in the Circumstances that attended it; for it was no sooner presented to the King (if not before) than it was sent to *London*, and Printed, and communicated with extraordinary industry to the People; that they might see, how far the *Scottish* Nation would be engag’d for the destruction of the Church; and the Messenger who presented it, Mr *Henderson*, confess’d to his Majesty, that he had three or four Letters to the most active and seditious Preachers about *London*, from Men of the same spirit in *Scotland*. Upon this provocation, the King might have very reasonably proceeded against Mr *Henderson*, who was neither included in his Safe Conduct (as the Lord *Lowden*, and the rest of the Commissioners were) nor had any Authority from the Lords of the Council of that Kingdom (who were qualified with large powers) to countenance his Employment; being sent only from the Commissioners of the General Assembly (who were not authorised by their own constitutions, to make any such Declaration) and there being then no Assembly sitting; which it self, with all their new Privileges, could not, with any colour of Reason, or Authority, have transacted such an Instrument. However the King, who well knew the Interest, and Influence the Clergy had upon the People of that Kingdom; and that, whilst they pretended to remove them from all secular Employment, they were the principal Instruments, and Engines, by which the whole Nation was wrought to Sedition; Resolv’d, not only to use the Person of Mr *Henderson* very graciously, and to protect him from those Affronts, which he might naturally expect in a University (especially, He having used some grave and learned Doctors with great insolence, who went civilly to him to be inform’d, what Arguments had prevail’d with him, to be so profess’d an Enemy to the Church of *England*, and to give

give him some information in the Argument; with whom he superciliously refus'd to hold any discourse) but to return an Answer with all possible Candour to the Petition it self; and so, before he enter'd upon the other Address, made by the Lord Lowden, and the rest, he return'd (after very solemn Debates in Council, where the Earl of Lanerick the Secretary for Scotland, and other Lords of Scotland, who were of the Privy Council, were present, and fully concurr'd, with many expressions of their detestation of the manners of their Country-men, yet with assured confidence that they would not be corrupted to any Act of Hostility) to Mr Henderson, and, with all expedition, by other hands into Scotland, this Answer; which likewise I think fit to insert in the very words, that Posterity may know how tender and provident the King always was, to prevent any misunderstanding of Him, and his Actions with that People; and consequently any Compositions in that Kingdom; which was the only thing, he fear'd might contribute to, and continue the distractions in This.

His Majesty's Answer to the late Petition presented unto him by the Hands of Mr Alexander Henderson from the Commissioners of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

"We receiv'd lately a Petition from you, by the hands of *His Majesty's*
 "Mr Alexander Henderson, to the which We intended to *Answer to*
 "have given an Answer, as soon as We had transacted the *the Petition*
 "business with the other Commissioners, address'd to Us *Mar. 20,*
 "from the Conservators of the Treaty of that our Kingdom. *1642.*
 "But finding the same to be publish'd in Print, and to be
 "disperfed throughout our Kingdom, to the great danger of
 "scandaling of our well affected Subjects; who may inter-
 "pret the bitterness, and sharpness of some expressions, not
 "to be so agreeable to that regard, and reverence, which is
 "due to our Person, and the matter of the Petition it self to
 "be reproachful to the Honour and Constitution of this
 "Kingdom: We have been compell'd, the more strictly to
 "examine, as well the Authority of the Petitioners, as the
 "matter of the Petition it self, and to publish our Opinion of
 "both, that our Subjects of both Kingdoms may see how
 "equally just, and sensible, We are of the Laws, and Honour
 "of both our Kingdoms.

"AND first, upon perusal of the Petition, We required
 "to see the Commission, by which the Messenger who brought
 "the Petition, or the Persons who sent him, are Qualified to
 "intermeddle in Affairs so Forreign to their Jurisdiction, and
 "of so great Concernment to this our Kingdom of *England.*
 "Upon

" Upon examination whereof, and in defence of the Laws,
 " and Government of this our Kingdom, which We are trust-
 " ed, and sworn to defend, We must profess that the Petiti-
 " oners, or the General Assembly of Our Church of *Scotland*,
 " have not the least Authority, or Power to intermeddle, or
 " interpose in the Affairs of this Kingdom, or Church;
 " which are settled, and establish'd by the proper Laws of
 " this Land, and, till they be alter'd by the same competent
 " Power, cannot be inveigh'd against without a due sense of
 " Us, and This Nation; much less can they present any Ad-
 " vice or Declaration to our Houses of Parliament against the
 " same; or to that purpose, send any Letters, as they have
 " now done, to any Ministers of Our Church Here; who,
 " by the Laws of this Land, cannot correspond against the same.

" THEREFORE, We do believe that the Petitioners,
 " when they shall consider how unwarranted it is by the Laws
 " of That Kingdom, and how contrary it is to the Laws of
 " This, to the professions they have made to each other,
 " and how unbecoming in it self, for Them to require, the
 " ancient, happy, and establish'd Government of the Church
 " of *England* to be alter'd, and conform'd to the Laws, and
 " Constitutions of another Church, will find themselves misled
 " by the information of some Persons Here, who would wil-
 " lingly engage the Petitioners to foment a difference, and
 " division between the two Kingdoms, which We have, with
 " so much Care, and Industry, endeavour'd to prevent; not
 " having labour'd more to quench the combustion in this
 " Kingdom, than We have to hinder the like from either
 " devouring *Ireland*, or entering into *Scotland*; which, if all
 " others will equally labour, will undoubtedly be avoided.
 " But We cannot so easily pass over the mention of *Ireland*,
 " being mov'd to it by the scandalous Aspersions, that have
 " been often cast upon Us, upon that Subject, and the use
 " that hath been made of the woful distractions of that King-
 " dom, as of a Seminary of fears, and jealousies, to beget the
 " like distractions in This; which lest they may have farther
 " influence, We are the more willing to make our Innocence
 " appear in that particular.

" WHEN first that horrid Rebellion begun, We were in
 " Our Kingdom of *Scotland*; and the sense We had then of
 " it, the expressions We made concerning it, the Commissi-
 " ons, together with some other Assistance, We sent imme-
 " diately into that Kingdom, and the instant recommendation
 " We made of it to both our Houses of Parliament in *Eng-
 " land*, are known to all Persons of Quality there and then
 " about Us. After Our return into *England*, our ready con-
 " curring to all the desires of both Houses, that might most
 " speedily

“speedily repress that Rebellion, by passing the Bill of pressing, and in it a Clause, which quitted a Right challeng’d by all, and enjoy’d by many of our Predecessors, by parting with our Rights in the Lands Escheated to Us by that Rebellion, for the Encouragement of Adventurers; by emptying our Magazines of Arms and Ammunition for that Service (which We have since needed for our necessary Defence, and Preservation) by consenting to all Bills for the raising of Money for the same, though containing unusual Clauses, which trusted both Houses without Us with the manner of disposing it: Our often pressing both Houses, not to neglect that Kingdom, by being diverted by considerations, and disputes, less concerning both Kingdoms: Our offer of raising ten thousand Volunteers to be sent thither; and our several offers to engage our own Royal Person, in the suppression of that horrid Rebellion, are no less known to all this Nation, than our perpetual earnestness, by our Foreign Ministers, to keep all manner of Supplies from being Transported for the relief of the Rebels, is known to several Neighbouring Princes; which if all good Subjects will consider, and withal how many of the Men, and how much of the Money raised for that end, and how much time, care, and industry, have been diverted from that employment, and employ’d in this unnatural War against Us (the true cause of the present miseries, and want, which our *British* Armies there do now endure) they will soon free Us from all those Imputations, so scandalously and groundlessly laid upon Us; and impute the continuance of the combustion of that miserable Kingdom, the danger it may bring upon our Kingdoms of *England* and *Scotland*, and the beginning of this doleful Desolation, to those who are truly guilty of it.

“For Unity in Religion, which is desired, We cannot but Answer, that We much apprehend, lest the Papists may make some advantage of that expression, by continuing that scandal with more Authority, which they have ever heretofore used to cast upon the Reformation, by interpreting all the differences in Ceremony, Government, or indifferent opinions between several Protestant Churches, to be differences in Religion; and lest our good Subjects of *England*, who have ever esteem’d themselves of the same Religion with you, should suspect themselves to be esteem’d by You to be of a contrary; and that the Religion which They, and their Ancestors have held, ever since the blessed Reformation, and in, and for which, they are resolv’d to die, is taxed, and branded of falsehood, or insufficiency, by such a desire.

"FOR Uniformity in Church Government, We conceiv'd
 "the Answer formerly given by Us at *Bridgenorth*, 13th
 "October 1642.) to the former Petition in this Argument,
 "would have satisfied the Petitioners; and is so full, that We
 "can add little to it; *viz.* That the Government Here esta-
 "blish'd by the Laws, hath so near a Relation, and inter-
 "mixture with the Civil State (which may be unknown to
 "the Petitioners) that till a compos'd digested Form, be pre-
 "sented to Us; upon a free Debate of both Houses in a Par-
 "liamentary way; whereby the consent and approbation of
 "this whole Kingdom may be had, and We, and all our
 "Subjects may discern, what is to be left in, or brought in,
 "as well as what is to be taken away; We know not how
 "to consent to any Alteration; otherwise than such an Act
 "for the ease of Tender Consciences in the matter of Cere-
 "monies, as We have often offer'd; and that This, and any
 "thing else that may concern the Peace of the Church, and
 "the advancement of God's true Religion, may be soberly
 "discuss'd, and happily effected. We have formerly offer'd,
 "and are still willing, that Debates of that nature may be
 "enter'd into by a Synod of Godly, and Learned Divines, to
 "be regularly chosen according to the Laws, and Customs of
 "this Kingdom: To which We shall be willing that some
 "Learned Divines of our Church of *Scotland* may be likewise
 "sent, to be present, and offer, and debate their Reasons. With
 "this Answer the Petitioners had great reason to acquiesce,
 "without enlarging the matter of their former Petition only
 "with bitter expressions against the establish'd Government,
 "and Laws of their Neighbour Nation (as if it were contrary
 "to the word of God) with whom they have so lately en-
 "ter'd into a strict Amity, and Friendship.

"BUT We cannot enough wonder, that the Petitioners
 "should interpose themselves, not only as fit Directors, and
 "Judges, between Us, and our two Houses of Parliament,
 "in business so wholly concerning the Peace, and Govern-
 "ment of this our Kingdom; and in a matter so absolutely
 "entrusted to us, as what new Laws to consent, or Not to
 "consent to; but should assume, and publish, that the desire
 "of Reformation in this Kingdom is in a Peaceable and Par-
 "liamentary way; when all the world may know, that the
 "proceedings Here have been, and are, not only contrary to
 "all the Rules and Precedents of former Parliaments, but de-
 "structive to the Freedom, Privilege and Dignity of Parlia-
 "ments themselves: that We were first driven by Tumults,
 "for the safety of Our life, from our Cities of *London*, and
 "*Westminster*; and have been since pursued, fought withal,
 "and are now kept from thence by an Army, raised and paid,

“as is pretended, by the two Houses, which consist not of
“the fourth part of the Number they ought to do; the rest
“being either driven from thence by the same violence, or
“expell’d, or imprison’d, for not consenting to the Treasons
“and unheard of Insolencies practiced against Us. And if the
“Petitioners could believe these proceedings to be in a Peace-
“able, and Parliamentary way, they were very unacquainted
“with the order, and constitution of this Kingdom, and not
“so fit Instruments to promote the Reformation, and Peace,
“they seem to desire.

“We cannot believe the intermixture of the present Ec-
“clesiastical Government with the Civil State, to be other
“than a very good Reason; and that the Government of the
“Church should be by the Rules of human Policy, to be
“other than a very good Rule, unless some other Government
“were as well Proved, as Pretended, to be better warrant’d
“by the Word of God.

“Of any Bills offer’d to Us for Reformation, We shall not
“now speak, they being a part of those Articles upon which
“We have offer’d, and expect to treat: But cannot but won-
“der, by what Authority, you prejudice our Judgment here-
“in, by denouncing God’s Anger upon Us, and our hazard
“of the loss of the hearts of all our good Subjects, if We con-
“sent not unto them. The influence of so many blessings
“from Heaven, upon the Reigns of Queen *Elizabeth*, and our
“Father of blessed Memory, and the acknowledgment of
“Them by all Protestant Churches, to have been careful
“Nurses of the Church of Christ, and to have excellently
“discharged their duties, in the Custody, and Vindication of
“Religion; and the Affection of their Subjects to them, do
“sufficiently assure Us, that We should neither stop the influ-
“ence of such blessings, nor grieve the hearts of all the God-
“ly, nor hazard the loss of the hearts of our Good Subjects,
“although We still maintain, in this Kingdom, the same esta-
“blish’d Ecclesiastical Government which flourish’d in Their
“times, and under Their special protection.

“We doubt not, but our Subjects of *Scotland* will rest
“abundantly satisfied with such Alterations in their own
“Church, as We have assented unto; and not be perswaded
“by a meer Assertion, that there is no hope of continuance of
“what is There settled by Law, unless that be likewise alter’d
“which is settled here. And our Subjects of *England* will
“never depart from their dutiful Affection to Us, for not
“consenting to new Laws, which, by the Law of the Land,
“they know We may as justly reject, if We approve not of
“them, as either House hath power to prepare for, or both,
“to propound to Us. Nor are you a little mistaken, if either

"you believe the generality of this Nation, to desire a Change
 "of Church Government, or that most of those, who desire it,
 "desire by it to introduce that which You only esteem a Re-
 "formation; but are as unwilling to submit to what You call
 "the Yoke of Christ, and obedience to the Gospel, as those
 "whom You call prophane, and worldly Men; and so equal-
 "ly averse both to Episcopacy, and Presbytery, that, if they
 "should prevail in this particular, the abolition of the One,
 "would be no inlet to the Other; nor would your hearts be
 "less griev'd, your expectations less frustrated, your hopes
 "less alham'd, or your Reformation more secured. And the
 "Petitioners, upon due consideration, will not find themselves
 "less mistaken in the Government of all the Reform'd
 "Churches, which, they say, is by Assemblies, than they are
 "in the best way of Reformation; which sure is best to be
 "in a Common, and Ordinary way, where the Passion, or
 "Interest of particular Men may not impose upon the pub-
 "lick; but alteration be then only made, when, upon calm
 "Debates, and evident, and clear reason, and convenience, the
 "same shall be generally consented to for the Peace, and Se-
 "curity of the People; and those who are trusted by the
 "Law, with such Debates, are not devided of that trust, upon
 "a General charge of Corruptions, pretended to have enter'd
 "by that way; and of being the Persons to be Reform'd, and
 "so unfit to be Reformers. And certainly, the like Logick, with
 "the like Charges, and Pretences, might be used to make the
 "Parliament it self an incapable Judge of any Reformation,
 "either in Church, or State.

"FOR the general expressions in the Petition against Pa-
 "pists, in which the Petitioners may be understood to charge
 "us with Compliance and even Favour to their opinions; We
 "have taken all occasions to publish to the world our practice
 "and resolution in the true Protestant Reform'd Religion:
 "and We are verily perswaded, there is no One Subject, in
 "either of our Dominions, who at all knows us, and hath
 "observ'd our life, but is, in his Soul, satisfied of our con-
 "stant Zeal and unmoveable Affection to that Religion, and of
 "our true dislike of, and hearty Opposition to Popery. And
 "as We willingly consented, at our being in *Scotland*, to all
 "Acts propos'd to Us, for the discountenancing, and the re-
 "forming the Papists in that our Kingdom; so, by our Pro-
 "clamations for the putting of all Laws severely in execution
 "against Recusants; and by not refusing any one Bill, pre-
 "sented to Us to that purpose, in this Kingdom; and by our
 "perpetual and publick professions of readiness, with the ad-
 "vice of our two Houses of Parliament, prepared for Us in
 "a deliberate and orderly way, to find some expedient to per-
 "fect

“fect so good a work; We conceiv’d, we had not left it
“possible, for any Man to believe us guilty of tollerating any
“part of the Romish Tyranny or Superstition; or to suspect,
“that the Conversion of our dearest Consort was not so much
“our desire, that the Accession of as many Crowns as God
“hath already bestow’d on us, would not be more welcome
“to us than that day: A blessing, which it is our daily Prayer
“to the Almighty to bestow upon Us.

“BUT. We might well have expected from the Petitioners, who have in their Solemn, National Covenant, literally sworn so much care of the safety of our Person, and cannot but know in how much danger That hath been, and still is, by the power and threats of Rebellious Armies, that they would as well have remember’d the 23^d of October, as the 5th of November; and as well have taken notice of the Army rais’d, and led against Us by the Earl of Essex, which hath actually Assaulted, and endeavour’d to Murder Us; which We know to abound in *Brownists*, *Anabaptists*, and other Sectaries; and in which We have reason (by Prisoners We have taken, and the evidence they have given) to believe there are many more Papists (and many of those Forreigners) than in all our Army; as have advis’d Us, to disband out of the Army of the Earl of New-Castle, which is rais’d for Our defence; the Papists in that Army; who are known to be no such Number, as to endanger their obtaining any power of building their Babel, and setting up Their Idolatry; and whose Loyalty he hath reason to commend (though he was never suspected for favouring their Religion.) not before that of Protestants, but of such as Rebel under that Title; and whose Assistance is as due to Us, by the Law of God and Man, to rescue Us from Domestick Rebellion, as to defend Us from Forreign Invasion; which We think no Man denies to be lawful for them to do. But We do solemnly declare, and protest, that God shall no sooner free Us from the desperate, and Rebellious Arms taken up against Us, but We shall endeavour to free Our selves and Kingdom from any fear of danger from the other, by disarming them, according to the Laws of this Land; as We shall not fail to send Our Commissioner to the Assembly, at the time appointed for it by the Laws of Scotland.

“To conclude, We desire, and require the Petitioners (as becomes good, and pious Preachers of the Gospel) to use their utmost endeavours, to compose any distraction in opinions, or misunderstandings, which may, by the Faction of some turbulent Persons, be rais’d in the minds of Our good Subjects of that our Kingdom; and to infuse into them

“a true sense of Charity, Obedience, and Humility, the great
 “principles of the Christian Religion; that they may not suf-
 “fer themselves to be transported with things that they do
 “not understand, or think themselves concern’d in the Go-
 “vernment of another Kingdom, because it is not according
 “to the Customs of that in which they live; but that they
 “dispose themselves, with modesty, and devotion, to the Ser-
 “vice of Almighty God; with Duty, and Affection, to the
 “obedience of Us, and our Laws (remembering the singu-
 “lar grace, favour, and benignity, We have always express’d
 “to that our Native Kingdom) and with Brotherly, and Chri-
 “stian Charity one towards another: And We doubt not but
 “God, in his mercy to Us and Them, will make Us instru-
 “ments of his Blessings upon each other, and both of Us, in
 “a great measure, of Happiness, and Prosperity, to the whole
 “Nation.

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THE Lord Lowden and the other Lay-Commissioners, who
 were Persons entirely guided by him, and of inferior Qua-
 lity, gave the precedence to this Petition, which they call’d
 matter of Religion; and pres’d not their own Commission, till
 the King had declar’d, and publish’d his Answer to the other;
 and though they pretended not to have any Authority to say
 any thing in that engagement of the Commissioners of the
 Assembly; yet the Lord Lowden used all importunity, and
 arguments, to persuade the King in private, to consent to the
 alteration of the Government of the Church; assuring him,
 “That it would be a means, not only to hinder his Subjects
 “of Scotland from adhering to the Parliament; but that it
 “would oblige them, to assist his Majesty to the utmost, in
 “the vindication of all his Rights. But he quickly found the
 King too strongly fix’d to be sway’d in a case of Conscience,
 by a consideration of Convenience; and his Lordship under-
 took to give no other Arguments.

He betook himself then with his Companions to their own
 proper, and avow’d Errand; which consisted of two parts:
 The One, to offer “The Mediation of the Conservators of the
 “Peace of that Kingdom, for the compofure of the differences
 “between the King and the two Houses; The Other, “To
 “desire his Majesty, that he would send out his Precepts to
 “Summon a Parliament in Scotland. These desires, and any
 Arguments to enforce them, they always deliver’d to the King
 himself in writing; declining any Address to his Ministers,
 or any debates with his Council, lest it might seem to lessen
 the Grandeur and Absoluteness of the Kingdom of Scotland.
 But the King always brought those papers which he receiv’d
 from them, to his Council; and receiv’d their Advice, what
 Answers

Answers to return. For the first, of Mediation, they pretended a Title, and obligation to it; by a Clause in the Act of Pacification made at the beginning of this Parliament; which Clause was: "That the Peace to be then establish'd, might be inviolably observ'd, in all time to come, it was agreed, that some should be appointed by his Majesty, and the Parliaments of both Kingdoms, who, in the interim betwixt the sitting of the Parliaments, might be careful, that the Peace then happily concluded might be continued; and who should endeavour by all means to prevent all troubles, and divisions; and if any debate and difference should happen to arise, to the disturbance of the Common Peace, they should labour to remove, or compose them, according to their power; it being supposed, that for all their proceedings of this kind, they should be answerable to the King's Majesty and the Parliament; and if any thing should fall out that should be above their power, and could not be remedied by them, they should inform themselves in the particulars, and represent the same to the King's Majesty, and the ensuing Parliament; that, by their Wisdoms and Authority, all occasion and causes of troubles might be removed, and the Peace of the Kingdom might be perpetual to all Posterity. And it was declar'd, that the power of the Commission should be restrain'd to the Articles of Peace in that Treaty.

THIS Clause, and the whole Statute, being carefully perused, and examined before his Majesty in his Council, the King return'd an Answer to them in writing.

"THAT He could not find any colour, or pretence of Authority, to be granted by that Act of Parliament, by which the Commissioners for Scotland could conceive themselves interested in a faculty of Mediation; that the Clause mention'd by them (besides that there was no such Commission granted as was mention'd in that Clause, nor any Commissioners named for those purposes) related only to the differences that might grow between the two Nations; and only upon the Articles of that Treaty, which, his Majesty said, had been, and should be inviolably observ'd by Him. That the differences between his Majesty and his two Houses of Parliament, had not the least Relation to the Peace between the two Kingdoms, but to his unquestionable, and long enjoy'd Rights, which his Rebellious Subjects endeavour'd, by Force, to wrest from Him; and concern'd the fundamental Laws of this Kingdom; which, as they could not be supposed to be known to the Conservators of the Peace of Scotland, so they could not have any possible Cognizance of them. That it might give great

The King's Answer to them in both particulars.

“Umbrage to his Subjects of *England*, if he should consent to what they now proposed; and, instead of confirming; and continuing the Peace, breed jealousies between the Nations; and therefore he could not admit of any such Mediation as They proposed; but that he hoped the Treaty, which he now expected, would beget so good an understanding between Him and his two Houses, that a Peace might ensue; towards which he would expect nothing from his Subjects of *Scotland*, but their Prayers.

THIS gave them no satisfaction, but they insisted still on their right by that Clause; which, without any Reason or Argument to persuade others to be of their mind, they said, “They conceiv’d, laid that obligation upon them of interposition; to which the King still gave the same Answer.

FOR their other demand of a Parliament in *Scotland*, the case stood thus: The King, at his last being in *Scotland*, had, according to the Precedent he had made Here, granted an Act for Triennial Parliaments in that Kingdom; and, at the close of that present Parliament, had ratified another Act, by which a certain day was appointed, for the Commencement of the next; which day was to be on the first *Thursday of June*, in the year 1644, except the King should call one sooner; which he had power to do. So that the question was only, whether the calling a Parliament sooner in that Kingdom, was like to advance His Service, and to contribute to the Peace of This? In the disquisition whereof, there needed no Arguments, that such a Convention could not then produce benefit to the King; the entire Government of that People being in those Persons, who had contriv’d those dismal alterations. On the other hand, all Men thought it very happy for the King, that, without His consent, there could be no Parliament in *Scotland*, till *June 1644*; which was more than fourteen Months from this time: till when, how disinclin’d soever the whole Nation should be, there was as much Assurance as could possibly be, from that People, that the Parliament would not be able to procure any avow’d supply from that Kingdom: It being the express words in the late Act of Pacification, “That the Kingdom of *England* should not denounce, or make War against the Kingdom of *Scotland*, without consent of the Parliament of *England*; as on the other part, it was enacted, “That the Kingdom of *Scotland* should not denounce, or make War against the Kingdom of *England*, without the consent of the Parliament of *Scotland*. And in case any of the Subjects of either of the Kingdoms should arise in Arms, or make War against the other Kingdom, or Subjects thereof, without consent of the Parliament of that Kingdom, “whereof they are Subjects, or upon which they do depend
“that

“that they should be held, reputed, and demanded, as Traytors to the Estates, whereof they are Subjects. And, that both the Kingdoms, in that case; should be bound to concur in the repressing of those that should happen to arise in Arms, or make War, without consent of their own Parliament.

So that whoever believ'd that those People could be contain'd by any obligations, Divine, or Humane, thought it impossible; by these clear Texts, that any Forces could be rais'd there to invade *England*, and disturb his Majesty, till *June 1644*; before which time, there was hope the King might so far prevail, that the spirit of the Rebellion might be broken, and Men return again to their Understanding, and Allegiance. Therefore to that demand, the King return'd Answer, “That against the time by which they could legally demand a Parliament (naming the day) “He would issue out his Writs, “and there being no emergent Cause to do it sooner, he “would forbear to put his Subjects there to that trouble, “which those meetings, how necessary soever, would naturally carry with them.

WHEN they perceiv'd that they should not receive satisfaction in either of their Proposals, and (which it may be troubled them more) that the King was so wary in his Answers, and so clearly express'd the Reasons, and Justice of them, that they should have no Arguments to apply to the passion, or interest, of their Country-men; which they expected at least (For in that, in which he was most stedfastly resolv'd, the preservation of the Government of the Church, he express'd no more to them, than, “That being a matter of “so great importance, and having so near Relation to the Civil Government, and Laws of *England*, They could not be “competent Considerers of it; but that He would do what “should be most safe, and necessary for the peace and welfare “of his Subjects, who were most concern'd in it). At last rather cursorily; and as matter of Ceremony at parting, than of moment, they desir'd “The King's Leave, and Pass to go to “*London*; having, as they said, “Some business there before “their return into their own Country.

THIS was, by many, thought a thing of so small moment, that the King should readily grant it; since it was evident, that it was in their own power to go thither without his leave; for they were necessarily to return through the Enemies Quarters; and being once there, they might choose whether they would go directly home, or visit *London*. And therefore that request was thought but an instance of their Modesty; that they might not return without one thing granted to them, at their request. But the King look'd upon it as no indifferent thing;

thing; and their asking a business that they needed not ask, was enough to demonstrate, that there was more in it than appear'd. And he well knew, there was a great difference between their going to *London* with His Pass, and Licence, and without it, which they might easily do. They had now publickly declar'd their Errand, and claim'd a Title, and Legal Capacity to undertake the business of Mediation; which would be so far from being rejected there, that they would be thankfully receiv'd, and admitted to a power of Umpirage. If upon, or after this claim, the King should grant them His Pass, it would, by their Logick, more reasonably conclude his Assent, than many of those inferences which they drew from more distant Propositions; and having that ground once, his Majesty's not consenting to what those grave Mediators would propose, and afterwards, as Arbitrators, award, should be quarrel sufficient for the whole Nation to Engage. And therefore the King expressly denied his Pass, and Safe Conduct; and told them plainly the reason why he did so; and requir'd them, "Since he had denied to consent to that, which could be the only ground of their going to *London*, that they should first return to those that sent them, before they attempted that Journey: if they did otherwise, they must run the hazard of Persons, whom his Majesty would not countenance with his Protection. And the truth is, though they might very well have gone to *London*, they could not have return'd thence to *Scotland* (except they would have submitted to the inconvenience and hazard of a Voyage by Sea) without so much danger from the King's Quarters in the North (*York*, and *New-Castle* being at His devotion) that they could not reasonably promise themselves to escape:

The Parliament's Commissioners to treat, came to Oxford.

WHILE this was in agitation, the Committee from the Parliament for the Treaty, to wit, the Earl of *Northumberland*, Mr *Pierpoint*, Sr *W. Armes*, Sr *John Holland*, and Mr *Whitlock* came to *Oxford*; who shortly took notice of the Scottish Commissioners desires, and also desired on Their behalf, "That they might have his Majesty's leave to go to *London*: but being quickly answer'd, "That That request would not fall within either of the Propositions agreed to be treated of, they modestly gave over the Intercession: and in the end, the Lord *Lowden*, and his Country-men, return'd directly to *Scotland*, staying only so long in the Garrisons of the Enemy, through which they were reasonably to pass, as to receive such Animadversions, and to entertain such Communication, as they thought most necessary.

AS SOON

AS SOON as the Committee arriv'd at *Oxford*, they were *The Treaty* very graciously receiv'd by the King; his Majesty always *begins upon* giving them Audience in Council, and they withdrawing *the Proposals* into a private Chamber prepared for them, whilst their Pro- *of Cessations* posals, which they still deliver'd in writing, were consider'd, *but that* and debated before the King. They declar'd, "That they *took* *no of-* were first to Treat of the Cessation, and till that was con- cluded, that they were not to enter upon any of the other "Propositions; with which his Majesty was well pleas'd, presuming that they had brought, or had power to give, consent to the Articles propos'd by him; which he rather believ'd, when they read the preamble to the Articles; in which it was declar'd, "That the Lords and Commons being still "carried on with a vehement desire of Peace, that so the "Kingdom might be freed from the desolation, and destru- "ction, wherewith it was like to be overwhelm'd, had confi- "der'd of the Articles of Cessation with those alterations, and "additions, offer'd by his Majesty; unto which they were "ready to agree in such manner as was express'd in the ensu- "ing Articles. After which, were insert'd the very Articles had been first sent to the King, without the least condescension to any one alteration, or addition, made by him; neither had the Committee power to recede or consent to any alteration, but only to publish it, if the King consented in Terms, and then, and not till then, to proceed to Treat upon the other Propositions.

THIS the King look'd upon as an ill Omen; other Men as a plain Contempt, and Stratagem, to make the People believe by their sending their Committee, that they did desire a Treaty and a Cessation, yet, by limiting them so strictly, to frustrate Both, and to cast the Envy of it upon the King. Hereupon, the next day, the King sent a Message to them, which he publish'd, to undeceive the People; farther pressing "The weight "and consequence of his former exceptions, and alterations; "and the inconvenience that proceeded from not granting "their Committee power to alter so much as verbal Expre- "sions: so that, if the King should consent to the Articles, as "they were propos'd, he should not only submit to great dis- "advantages; but some such, as themselves would not think "reasonable to oblige him to. As by that Article wherein they "reserv'd a power to send out a Fleet, or what Ships They "thought good, to Sea; they were not at all restrain'd, from "sending what Land Forces they pleas'd, to any part of the "Kingdom; so that, when the Cessation ended, they might "have new, and greater Armies throughout the Kingdom, than "they had when it begun; which, he presum'd, they did not "intend; being a thing so unequal, and contrary to the nature "of a Cessation.

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"THEN in the Articles they last sent, they styl'd their
 "Forces, the Army raised by the Parliament, the which if his
 "Majesty should consent to, he must acknowledge, either,
 "that He consented to the raising that Army, or that He was
 "no part of the Parliament: neither of which, He conceiv'd,
 "they would oblige him to do. And therefore, He desired,
 "that their Committee might have liberty to Treat, Debate,
 "and agree upon the Articles; upon which They, and all
 "the World should find, that he was less sollicitous for his
 "own Dignity, and Greatness, than for his Subjects Ease, and
 "Liberty. But if that so reasonable, equal, and just desire of
 "His, should not be yielded unto, but the same Articles still
 "insisted upon, though his Majesty, next to Peace, desired a
 "Cessation, yet, that the not agreeing upon the One, might
 "not destroy the hopes of, nor so much as delay the Other;
 "He was willing to Treat, even without a Cessation, upon
 "the Propositions themselves, in that order that was agreed;
 "and desir'd their Committee might be enabled to that effect:
 "In which Treaty he would give, He said, "All his Subjects
 "that satisfaction, that if any security to enjoy all the Rights,
 "Privileges, and Liberties, due to them by the Law, or that
 "happiness in Church and State, which the best times had
 "seen, with such farther Acts of Grace, as might agree with
 "his Honour, Justice, and Duty to his Crown, and which
 "might not render him less able to Protect his Subjects, ac-
 "cording to his Oath, would satisfy them; his Majesty was
 "confident, in the Mercy of God, that no more precious
 "Blood of this Nation would be thus miserably spent.

THIS Message produced Liberty to the Committee to en-
 ter upon the Treaty it self, upon the Propositions, though
 the Cessation should not be agreed to: and shortly after they
 sent reasons to the King, why they consented not to the Ces-
 sation in such manner, and with those limitations, as He
 had propos'd. 1. They alledg'd, "That, if they should grant
 "such a free Trade, as the King desir'd, to *Oxford*, and other
 "places, where his Forces lay, it would be very difficult, if
 "not impossible, to keep Arms, Ammunition, Money,
 "and Bullion, from passing to his Army: However, it would
 "be exceeding advantageous to his Majesty, in supplying his
 "Army with many necessaries, and making their Quarters a
 "Staple for such Commodities as might be vented in the
 "adjacent Counties; and so draw Money thither; whereby
 "the Inhabitants would be better enabled by Loans, and
 "Contributions, to support his Army. As this advantage to
 "Him was very demonstrable, so it was very improbable,
 "that it would produce any supply to Them; and, in a Treaty
 "for Cessation, those Demands could not be thought reason-
 "able

“able that were not indifferent, that is, equally advantageous
“to both Parties. 2. That to Demand the approving the
“Commanders of the Ships, was, to desire to add the strength
“of the one Party to the other, before the differences were
“ended; against all Rules of Treaty. And to make a Cef-
“sation at Sea, was to leave the Kingdom naked to Foreign
“Forces, and the Ports open for His supplies of Arms, and
“Ammunition. But for conveying any Forces, by those
“means, from one part to the other, they would observe the
“Articles, by which that was restrain’d. 3. For the expres-
“sion of the Army raised by the Parliament, they were con-
“tented it should be alter’d, and the name of the two Houses
“used. 4. For the Committing none, but according to the
“known Laws of the Land, that is, by the ordinary Process
“of Law, it would follow, that no Man must be committed
“by Them for supplying the King with Arms, Money, or
“Ammunition; for, by the Law of the Land, the Subject
“might carry such goods from *London* to *Oxford*: The Sol-
“diers must not be committed who do run from their Co-
“lours, and refuse any duty in the Army; no Man should be
“committed, for not submitting to necessary supplies of Mo-
“ney: so that if it should be yielded to, in his Majesty’s sense,
“they should be disabled to restrain supplies from their Ene-
“mies, and to govern, and maintain their own Soldiers; and
“so, under a disguise of a Cessation, should admit that which
“would necessarily produce the dissolving of their Army, and
“destruction of their Cause. And, they said, “It was not
“probable, that his Majesty would suffer the same inconve-
“niences by that Clause; for that they believ’d he would in-
“terpret, that what his General did by Vertue of His Com-
“mission, was and would be done according to the known
“Laws of the Land; whereas he had deny’d, that those
“known Laws gave any power to the two Houses of Par-
“liament, to raise Arms; and so, consequently, their General
“could not exercise any Martial Laws. So that under the
“specious shew of Liberty, and Law, They should be alto-
“gether disabled to defend their Liberties and Laws; and his
“Majesty would enjoy an absolute Victory, and Submission,
“under pretence of a Cessation, and Treaty. They said,
“being, by a necessity inevitable, enforced to a Defensive
“War, and therein warranted both by the Laws of God and
“Man, it must needs follow, that, by the same Law, they
“were enabled to raise means to support that War; and
“therefore they could not relinquish that power of laying
“Taxes upon those who ought to joyn with them in that
“Defence, and the necessary way of Levying those Taxes
“upon them, in case of refusal; for otherwise their Army
“must needs be dissolv’d.

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THOUGH these Reasons were capable, in a sad, and composed Debate, of full Answers, and many things would naturally have flow'd from them, to disprove the Practice and Assertions of the framers of them; yet it was very evident, that they carried such a kind of reason with them, as would prevail over the understandings of the People; and that the King, by not consenting to the Cessation, as it was propos'd by them, would be generally thought to have rejected any; which could not but have an ill influence upon his Affairs: and therefore his Majesty sent them, as soon as he had weigh'd this late Message, which he well discern'd was not form'd to satisfy him, but to satisfy the People against Him, an Answer; in which he explain'd the ill consequence of many of their Assumptions, and enforced the importance of his former demands on the behalf of the People; however, he offer'd "To admit the Cessation upon the matter of their own Articles; so that he might not be understood to consent to any of those unjust, and illegal powers, which they exercised upon the Subjects. But from henceforward, the Houses declin'd any farther Argument, and Debate concerning the Cessation; and directed their Committee, "To expedite the Treaty upon the Propositions: the Particulars whereof being transacted in the beginning of the year 1643. I shall refer the Narrative to the next Book; intending in This, only to comprehend the Transactions to the end of 1642.

I AM perswaded if the King had, upon the receipt of the Articles for the Cessation, when they were first sent to him, frankly consented to it, it would have prov'd very much to his advantage; and that His Army would very much have increased by it, and the Other been impaired; and that it would have been very difficult for the Parliament to have dissolv'd it, if once begun, or to have determin'd the Treaty. But besides the reasons before mention'd, the consideration of the Northern Forces, and the restraining them within their old Quarters, who seem'd to be in a condition of marching even to London it self, prevail'd very far with the King; or rather (which indeed was the main reason, and render'd every other Suggestion of Weight) the jealousy that they did not intend to consent to, or admit any Peace, but such a one as his Majesty might not admit, made all the preliminary Debates the more insisted on.

I CANNOT but insert one Particular, which may hereafter be thought of some signification. It was now the time of the year when, by the custom of the Kingdom, the King's Judges *Itinerant* used to go the Circuits throughout England, and Wales, to administer Justice to the People; and to enquire into all Treasons, Felonies, Breaches of the Peace, and other Misdemeanours;

Misdemeanours; which were any where committed contrary to the known Laws; and they were sworn to judge according to those known Laws, the study and knowledge whereof was their Profession.

THE Lords and Commons now sent to the King a special Message, "To advise, and desire him, that, in regard of the present distractions, which might hinder both the Judges, and the People, from resorting to those places where such meetings might be appointed, the Assizes and Goal-delivery might not be holden; but that it might be deferr'd, until it should please God to restore Peace unto his People."

The advice and desires of the two Houses concerning Goal-delivery.

THE King return'd them Answer; "That the present bloody distractions of the Kingdom, which he had used all possible means to prevent, and would still to remove, did afflict his Majesty under no consideration more, than of the great interruption, and stop it made in the Course and Proceedings of Justice, and the Execution of the Laws; whereby his good Subjects were robb'd of the Peace, and Security they were born to. And therefore, as much as in Him lay, he would advance that only means of their happiness; at least, they should see that their Sufferings that way, proceeded not from his Majesty; and since they might now expect, by the Law, Statutes, and Customs of the Kingdom, the Assizes and General Goal-delivery in every County, his Majesty thought not fit to Command the contrary; but would take severe, and precise order, that None of his Subjects should receive the least prejudice, as they repaired thither by any of his Forces, which rule he should be glad to see observ'd by others. And then he hoped, by the execution of the Laws, even those publick Calamities might have some abatement, and the Kingdom recover its former Peace, and Prosperity."

His Majesty's Answer.

BUT this Answer was not more satisfactory than others they had usually receiv'd from Him; and therefore they betook themselves to their old, try'd Weapon, and made an Ordinance, "That all Judges and Justices of Assize, and *Nisi prius*, and Justices of Oyer, and *Thinner*, and Goal-delivery, should forbear to execute any of their said Commissions, or to hold or keep any Assizes, or Goal-delivery, at any time during that Lent Vacation; as they would Answer the command, and neglect thereof before the Lords and Commons in Parliament. This was the first avow'd interruption and Suspension of the publick Justice, that happen'd, or that was known ever before in that kind; and gave the People occasion to believe, that what the Parliament did (what pretence soever there was of Fundamental Laws) was not so warrantable by that Rule, since they labour'd so much to suppress

The two Houses make an Ordinance to forbid the next Assizes, and Goal-delivery.

press that Inquisition. It was not in the King's power to help this; for besides that the example of *Judge Mallet*, who, the Circuit before, had been forcibly taken from the Bench by a Troop of Horse, as is before remember'd, terrified all the Judges (and there were very few Counties in *England*, in which they could have been secure from the like Violence) the Records, upon which the Legal Proceedings were to be, were at *London*; and so the exercise of the Law ceased throughout the Kingdom; save only in some few Counties, whither the King sent some Judges of Assize, and into others, his Commission of Oyer and Terminer; by virtue whereof, the Earl of *Essex*, and many others, were as legally attainted of High Treason, as the Wisdom of our Ancestors could direct.

An Account, and Character of the Privy Counsellors then attending the King, and those who stayed with the two Houses. Mr Hyde made Chancellor of the Exchequer.

THE Treaty, as is said, being managed at the Council Table, the Pride of the Parliament having refused to Treat with any but the King himself, and his Majesty resolving to transact all by the Advice and Opinion of his Privy Council, it will be seasonable in this place to set down the Names of all those Privy Counsellors, who attended the King: there being at this time a new one added to the number; for in the time between the return of the Commissioners to *London*, and their coming back to the Treaty, *Sr John Colepepper* being preferred to be Master of the Rolls, *Mr Hyde* was made Chancellor of the Exchequer; who, till that time, though he was known to be trusted in matters of the greatest importance, was not under any Character in the Court: And when We have named those, who according to their duty did wait upon the King, We shall likewise name those, who, being under the same obligation, stayed and acted with the Parliament against him.

Of the Lord Littleton.

THE Lord *Littleton* was keeper of the Great Seal of *England*; of whom so much hath been said before, that there is no need of Enlargement upon him in this place. His parts, which in the profession of the Law were very great, were not very applicable to the business now in hand; and though, from the time of the King's coming to *Oxford*, the King had confidence enough in him, to leave the Seal in his Custody, and he would have been glad to have done any service; yet, by ill fortune, he had drawn so great a disesteem upon him from most Men, that he gave little Reputation to the Council, and had little Authority in it.

Of the Duke of Richmond.

THE Duke of *Richmond*, as he was of the noblest extraction, being nearest allied to the King's Person of any Man who was not descended from King *James*; so he was very worthy of all the grace and favour the King had shew'd him; who had taken great care of his Education, and sent him into

France

France, Italy, and Spain, where he was created a Grandee of that Kingdom; and as soon as he return'd, though he was scarce one and twenty years of Age, made him a Privy Counsellor; and shortly after, out of his abundant kindness to both Families, married him to the sole Daughter of his dead Favourite, the Duke of *Buckingham*; with whom he receiv'd twenty thousand pound in portion; and his Majesty's bounty was likewise very great to him; so that, as he was very eminent in his Title, he was at great ease in his Fortune. He was a Man of very good parts, and an excellent understanding; yet, which is no common infirmity, so diffident of himself, that he was sometimes led by Men who judged much worse. He was of a great, and haughty Spirit, and so punctual in point of Honour, that he never swerv'd a tittle. He had so entire a Resignation of himself to the King, that he abhorr'd all Artifices to shelter himself from the prejudice of those, who, how Powerful soever; fail'd in their duty to his Majesty; and therefore he was pursued with all imaginable malice by them, as one that would have no Quarter, upon so infamous Terms, as but looking on whilst his Master was ill used. As he had receiv'd great Bounties from the King, so he Sacrificed all he had to his Service, as soon as his occasions stood in need of it; and lent his Majesty, at one time twenty thousand pounds together; and, as soon as the War began, engaged his three Brothers, all Gallant Gentlemen, in the Service; in which they all lost their Lives. Himself liv'd, with unspotted Fidelity, some years after the Murder of his Master, and was suffer'd to put him into his Grave; and Died, without the comfort of seeing the Resurrection of the Crown.

THE Marquis of *Hertford* was a Man of great Honour, ^{of the Mar-} and Fortune, and Interest in the Affection of the People; ^{quis of} and had always undergone hard measure from the Court, ^{Hertford,} where he long receiv'd no Countenance, and had no design of making advantage from it. For, though he was a Man of very good parts, and conversant in Books, both in the Latin and Greek Languages, and of a clear Courage, of which he had given frequent Evidence; yet he was so wholly given up to a Country life, where he liv'd in Splendour, that he had an aversion, and even an unaptness, for Business: Besides his particular Friendship with the Earl of *Essex*, whose Sister he had Married, his greatest Acquaintance and Conversation had been with those who had the Reputation of being best affected to the Liberty of the Kingdom, and least in love with the humour of the Court; many of whom were the chief of those who engaged themselves most factiously, and furiously against the King. But as soon as he discern'd their

violent purposes against the Government establish'd, before he suspected their blacker designs, he severed himself from them; and from the beginning of the Parliament, never concurr'd with them in any one Vote dishonourable to the King, or in the prosecution of the Earl of *Strafford*. He did accept the Government of the Prince of *Wales*, as is mention'd before, purely out of obedience to the King; and, no doubt, it was a great service; though for the performance of the Office of a Governour, he never thought himself fit, nor meddled with it. He left *Tork*, as is remember'd, to form an Army for the King in the West, where his Interest was; but he found those parts so corrupted, and an Army from the Parliament was poured down so soon upon him, that there was nothing for the present to be done worthy of his presence; so that he sent the small party, that was with him, farther West to *Cornwal*; where, by degrees, they grew able to raise an Army, with which they joyn'd with him afterwards again; and himself return'd to the King at *Oxford*, about the time when the Treaty began.

Of the Earl
of South-
ampton.

THE Earl of *Southampton* was indeed a great Man in all respects, and brought very much Reputation to the King's Cause. He was of a nature much inclin'd to Melancholy, and being born a younger Brother, and his Father, and his Elder Brother dying upon the point together, whilst he was but a Boy, he was at first much troubled to be call'd *My Lord*, and with the noise of Attendance; so much he Then delighted to be alone. He had a great Spirit; he had never had any conversation in the Court, nor obligation to it. On the contrary, he had undergone some hardship from it; which made it believ'd, that he would have been ready to have taken all occasions of being severe towards it. And therefore, in the beginning of the Parliament, no Man was more courted by the Managers of those Designs. He had great dislike of the High Courses, which had been taken in the Government, and a particular prejudice to the Earl of *Strafford*, for some exorbitant proceedings. But, as soon as he saw the ways of reverence and duty towards the King declined, and the prosecution of the Earl of *Strafford* to exceed the limits of Justice, he opposed them vigorously in all their proceedings. He was a Man of great sharpness of Judgment, a very quick Apprehension, and that readiness of Expression upon any sudden Debate, that no Man deliver'd himself more advantageously, and weightily, and more efficaciously with the hearers; so that no Man gave them more trouble in his opposition, or drew so many to a concurrence with him in opinion. He had no relation to, or dependence upon the Court, or purpose to have any; but wholly pursued the publick Interest. It was long

long before he could be prevail'd with to be a Counsellor, and longer before he would be admitted to be of the Bed-Chamber; and receiv'd both Honours the rather, because, after he had refus'd to take a Protestation, which both Houses had order'd to be taken by all their Members, They had likewise Voted, "That no Man should be capable of any Pre-ferment in Church or State, who refus'd to take the same; and he would shew how much he contemn'd those Votes. He went with the King to *York*; was most solicitous, as hath been said, for the offer of Peace at *Nottingham*; and was with him at *Edge-hill*; and came and stay'd with him at *Oxford* to the end of the War, taking all opportunities to advance all motions towards Peace; and as no Man was more punctual in performing his own duty, so no Man had more Melancholy apprehensions of the issue of the War; which is all that be said of him in this place, there being frequent occasions to mention him, in the continuance of this discourse.

THE Earl of *Leicester* was a Man of great parts, very conversant in Books, and much addicted to the Mathematics; and though he had been a Soldier, and Commanded a Regiment, in the Service of the States of the United Provinces, and was afterwards employed in several Embassies, as in *Denmark*, and in *France*, was in truth rather a Speculative than a Practical Man; and expected a greater Certitude in the consultation of business, than the business of this world is capable of: which temper prov'd very inconvenient to him through the course of his Life. He was, after the death of the Earl of *Strafford*, by the concurrent kindness and esteem both of King and Queen, call'd from his Embassy in *France*, to be Lieutenant of the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and, in a very short time after, unhappily lost that kindness and esteem: And being, about the time of the King's coming to *Oxford*, ready to Embark at *Chester*, for the execution of his Charge, he was requir'd to attend his Majesty, for farther Instructions, at *Oxford*; where he remain'd; and though he was of the Council, and sometimes present, he desir'd not to have any part in the business; and lay under many reproaches and jealousies, which he deserv'd not: For he was a Man of Honour, and Fidelity to the King, and his greatest misfortunes proceeded from the staggering, and irresolution in his Nature.

THE Earl of *Bristol* was a Man of a grave aspect, of a presence that drew respect, and of long experience in Affairs of great Importance. He had been, by the extraordinary favour of King *James* to his Person (for he was a very handsome Man) and his parts, which were naturally great, and had been improv'd by good Education at home and abroad, sent Embassador into *Spain*, before he was thirty years of Age; and

and afterwards in several other Embassies; and at last, again into *Spain*; where he Treated, and Concluded the Marriage between the Prince of *Wales* and that Infanta; which was afterwards dissolv'd. He was by King *James* made of the Privy Council, Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, an Earl, and a Gentleman of the Bed-Chamber to the Prince, and was then crush'd by the power of the Duke of *Buckingham*, and the prejudice the Prince himself had contracted against him, during his Highness's being in *Spain*; upon which he was imprison'd upon his return; and after the Duke's death, the King retain'd so strict a Memory of all that Duke's Friendships and Displeasures, that the Earl of *Bristol* could never recover any admission to Court; but liv'd in the Country, in ease, and plenty in his Fortune, and in great Reputation with all who had not an implicit Reverence for the Court; and before, and in the beginning of the Parliament, appear'd in the head of all the discontented Party; but quickly left them, when they enter'd upon their unwarrantable Violences, and grew so much into their disfavour, that after the King was gone to *York*, upon some expressions he us'd in the House of Peers in Debate, they Committed him to the Tower; from whence being releas'd, in two or three days, he made haste to *York* to the King; who had before restor'd him to his place in the Council, and the Bed-Chamber. He was with him at *Edgehill*, and came with him from thence to *Oxford*; and, at the end of the War, went into *France*; where he died; that Party having so great an Animosity against him, that they would not suffer him to live in *England*, nor to compound for his Estate, as they suffer'd others to do, who had done them more hurt. Though he was a Man of great parts, and a Wise Man, yet he had been for the most part single, and by himself in business; which he managed with good sufficiency; and had liv'd little in consort, so that in Council he was passionate, and supercilious, and did not bear contradiction without much passion, and was too voluminous in discourse; so that he was not consider'd there with much respect; to the lessening whereof no Man contributed more than his Son, the Lord *Digby*; who shortly after came to sit there as Secretary of State, and had not that reverence for his Father's Wisdom, which his great experience deserv'd, though he fail'd not in his Piety towards him.

of the Earl
of New-
Castle.

THE Earl of *New-Castle* was a Person well bred, and of a full and plentiful Fortune; and had been chosen by the King to be Governour to the Prince of *Wales*, and made of the Council, and resign'd that Office of Governour to the Marquis of *Hertford*, for the reasons which have been mention'd. He was not at *Oxford*, but remain'd at *New-Castle*, with the
King's

King's Commission to be General of those Parts ; being a Man of great Courage, and signal Fidelity to the Crown, of whom there will be more occasion hereafter to enlarge.

THE Earl of *Berkshire* was of the Council, but not yet ^{Of the Earl of Berkshire and others.} at *Oxford* ; having been, about, or before the setting up of the Standard, taken Prisoner in *Oxfordshire*, and committed to the Tower, upon an imagination that he had some purpose to have executed the Commission of Array in that County ; but they afterwards set him at Liberty, as a Man that could do them no harm any where ; and then he came to *Oxford*, with the Title, and pretences of a Man, who had been imprison'd for the King, and thereby merited more than his Majesty had to give. His Affection for the Crown was good, but his Interest little.

THE Lord *Dunsmore* had been made a Privy Counsellor, after so many, who had deserv'd worse, had been call'd thither ; and was ready to do whatever he was directed ; he was a Man of a rough, and tempestuous Nature, violent in pursuing what he wish'd, without judgment, or temper to know the way of bringing it to pass ; however, he had some kind of power with froward and discontented Men ; at least he had credit to make them more indisposed. But his greatest Reputation was, that the Earl of *Southampton* Married his Daughter, a beautiful and a worthy Lady.

THE Lord *Seymour*, being Brother to the Marquis of *Hertford*, was a Man of Interest, and Reputation ; he had been always very Popular in the Country ; where he had liv'd out of the grace of the Court ; and his parts, and judgment, were best in those things which concern'd the good husbandry, and the Common Administration of Justice to the People. In the beginning of the Parliament, he serv'd as Knight of the Shire for *Wiltshire*, where he resided ; and behaving himself with less violence in the House of Commons, than many of his old Friends did, and having a great Friendship for the Earl of *Strafford*, he was, by His interposition, call'd to the House of Peers ; where he carried himself very well in all things relating to the Crown ; and when the King went to *York*, he left the Parliament, and follow'd his Majesty, and remain'd firm in his Fidelity.

THE Lord *Savil* was likewise of the Council, being first Controller, and then Treasurer of the Household, in recompence of his discovery of all the Treasons, and Conspiracies, after they had taken effect, and could not be punish'd. He was a Man of an Ambitious and Restless Nature ; of Parts and Wit enough ; but, in his disposition, and inclination, so False, that he could never be believ'd, or depended upon. His particular Malice to the Earl of *Strafford*, which he had suck'd

in with his Milk (there having always been an immortal Feud between the Families; and the Earl had shrewdly overborn his Father) had engaged him with all Persons who were willing, and like to be able to do Him mischief. And so, having opportunity when the King was at the *Berks*, and made the first unhappy Pacification, to enter into Conversation, and Acquaintance, with those who were then employ'd as Commissioners from the *Scots*, there was a secret intelligence enter'd into between them from that time; and he was a principal Instrument to engage that Nation, to march into *England* with an Army; which they did the next year after. To which purpose, he sent them a Letter, sign'd with the Names of several of the *English* Nobility, inviting them to enter the Kingdom, and making great promises of Assistance; which Names were forged by himself, without the privity of those who were named. And when all this mischief was brought to pass, and he found his credit in the Parliament not so great as other Mens, he insinuated himself into credit with some body, who brought him to the King or Queen, to whom he confess'd all he had done to bring in the *Scots*, and who had Conspired with him, and all the secrets he knew, with a thousand Protestations "To repair all by future Loyalty, and Service; for which he was promised a White Staff, which the King had then resolv'd to take from *St Henry Vane*, who held it with the Secretaries Office; which he had accordingly; though all his discovery was of no other use, than that the King knew many had been False, whom he could not Punish; and some, whom he could not suspect. When the King came to *York*, where this Lord's Fortune, and Interest lay, his Reputation was so low, that the Gentlemen of Interest, who wish'd well to the Kings Service, would not communicate with him; and, after the King's remove from thence, the Earl of *New-Castle* found cause to have such a jealousy of him, that he thought it necessary to imprison him; and afterwards sent him to *Oxford*; where he so well purged himself, that he was again restor'd to his Office. But in the end he behaved himself so ill, that the King put him again out of his place, and committed him to Prison, and never after admitted him to his Presence; nor would any Man of Quality ever after keep any correspondence with him.

OF the Lord *Parkland*, and *St John Colepepper*, there hath been so much said before, that there is no occasion to add to it in this place. There will be reason too soon to lament the unhappy death of the former; and the latter, who never fail'd in his Fidelity, will be very often mention'd throughout the ensuing discourse.

SECRETARY *Nicholas* was a very honest, and industrious Man,

Man, and always versed in business; which few of the other were, or had been. After some time spent in the University of *Oxford*, and then in the Middle Temple, he liv'd some years in *France*; and was afterwards Secretary to the Lord *Zouch*, who was a Privy Counsellor, and Warden of the Cinque Ports; and thereby he understood all that Jurisdiction, which is very great, and exclusive to the Admiral. And when that Lord, many years after, surrender'd that Office to the King, to the end that it might be conferr'd upon the Duke of *Buckingham*, his Secretary was likewise prefer'd with the Office; and so, in a short time, became Secretary of the Admiralty, as well as of the Cinque Ports; and was entirely trusted, and esteem'd by that great Favourite. After his death, he continued in the same place, whilst the Office was in Commission, and was then made Clerk of the Council, from whence the King call'd him to be Secretary of State, after Secretary *Windebank* fled the Kingdom; upon his Majesty's own observation of his Virtue, and Fidelity, and without any other recommendation: and he was in truth, throughout his whole Life, a Person of very good Reputation, and of singular Integrity.

THERE remain only two of the Council then at *Oxford*, who are not yet named, *Sr John Banks*, who had been Attorney General, and was then Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, a Grave, and a Learned Man in the profession of the Law; and *Sr Peter Wyck*, who had been Embassadour at *Constantinople*; from whence he return'd very little before the Troubles, and gratified *Sr Thomas Jermyn* very liberally for his White Staff, when the Court was very Low, and so was made a Privy Counsellor, and Controller of the Household. He was a very honest, plain Man; and dyed very shortly after the Treaty, and was succeeded by *Sr Christopher Hatton*, a Person of great Reputation at that time, which in few years he found a way to diminish.

Of those who were of the King's Council, and who stay'd and acted with the Parliament, the Earl of *Northumberland* may well be reckon'd the chief in respect of the Antiquity and Splendour of his Family, his great Fortune, and Estate, and the general Reputation he had among the greatest Men, and his great Interest, by being High Admiral of *England*. Though he was of a Family, that had lain under frequent blemishes of want of Fidelity to the Crown, and his Father had been long a Prisoner in the Tower, under some suspicion of having some knowledge of the Gun-powder Treason; and after he was set at Liberty, by the Mediation and Credit of the Earl of *Carlisle*, who had without, and against his consent Married his Daughter, he continued, to his death, under

Of those of the Privy Counsellors who stay'd with the Parliament. Of the Earl of Northumberland.

der such a restraint, that he had not liberty to live and reside upon his Northern Estate : Yet this Lord's Father was no sooner dead, than the King pour'd out his Favours upon him in a wonderful measure : he begun with conferring the Order of the Garter upon him, and shortly after made him of his Privy Council; when a great Fleet of Ships was prepared, by which the King meant that his Neighbour Princes should discern, that he intended to maintain, and preserve his Sovereignty at Sea, he sent the Earl of *Northumberland* Admiral of that Fleet, a much greater than the Crown had put to Sea, since the death of Queen *Elizabeth*, that he might breed him for that Service, before he gave him a more absolute Command. And after he had, in that Capacity, exercised himself a year or two, the King made him Lord High Admiral of *England*; which was such a quick succession of Bounties and Favours, as had rarely befallen any Man, who had not been attended with the Envy of a Favourite. He was, in all his deportment, a very great Man, and that which look'd like Formality, was a punctuality in preserving his Dignity, from the invasion and intrusion of bold Men, which no Man of that Age so well preserv'd himself from. Though his Notions were not large or deep, yet his temper, and reservedness in discourse, and his reservedness in speaking, got him the Reputation of an Able, and a Wise Man; which he made evident in the excellent Government of his Family, where no Man was more absolutely obeyed; and no Man had ever fewer idle words to Answer for; and in debates of importance, he always express'd himself very pertinently. If he had thought the King as much above Him, as he thought Himself above other considerable Men, he would have been a good Subject; but the extreme undervaluing those, and not enough valuing the King, made him lyable to the impressions, which they who approach'd him by those Addresses of Reverence, and Esteem, that usually insinuate into such Natures, made in him. So that after he was first prevail'd upon, not to do that which in honour and gratitude he was oblig'd to (which is a very pestilent corruption) he was, with the more Facility, led to concur in what, in Duty and Fidelity, he ought not to have done, and which at first he never intended to have done. And so, he concurr'd in all the Counsels which produced the Rebellion, and stay'd with them to support it; which is as much as is necessary to say of him in this place, since there will be often occasion hereafter to mention him, with some enlargement.

*Of the Earl
of Pembroke.*

THE Earl of *Pembroke* hath been enough mention'd in a better conjuncture of time, when his Virtues were thought greater than they were, and his Vices very little discern'd. Yet by what was then said, his Nature and his Parts might be well

well enough understood, and as neither the One, nor the Other were improveable; so they were liable to be corrupted by any Assaults; his Understanding being easy to be imposed upon, and his Nature being made up of very strong Passions. Whilst there was Tranquillity in the Kingdom, he enjoy'd his full share in Pomp and Greatness; the largeness and plentifulness of his Fortune being attended with reverence, and dependence from the People where his Estate, and Interest lay, and where indeed he was a great Man; getting an affection and esteem from Persons who had no dependence upon him, by his magnificent Living, and discoursing highly of Justice, and of the Protestant Religion; inveighing bitterly against Popery, and telling what he used to say to the King; and speaking frankly of the oversights of the Court, that he might not be thought a Slave to it. He had been bred from his Cradle in the Court; and had that perfection of a Courtier, that as he was not wary enough in offending Men, so he was forward in acknowledging it, even to his Inferiors, and to impute it to his Passion, and ask Pardon for it; which made him be thought a well natur'd Man. Besides, he had an Office which, at that time, entitl'd him to the exercise of some Rudeness, and the good Order of the Court had some dependence upon his Incivilities.

THERE were very few great Persons in Authority, who were not frequently offended by him, by sharp and scandalous discourses, and invectives against them, behind their backs; for which they found it best to receive satisfaction by Submissions, and Professions, and Protestations, which was a Coin he was plentifully supplied with for the payment of all those Debts; whilst the King retain'd only some kindness for him, without any great esteem of him. But, from the beginning of the Parliament, when he saw, and heard a People stout enough to inveigh against the King's Authority, and to fall upon those Persons, whom he had always more fear'd than lov'd; and found that there were two Armies in the Kingdom, and that the King had not the entire Command of either of them; when the Decrees of the Star-Chamber, and the Orders and Acts of the Council, in all which he had concurr'd, were call'd in question, and like to be made penal to those, who would not redeem their past Errors by future Service; his Fear, which was the Passion always predominant in him, above all his Choler and Rage, prevail'd so far over him, that he gave himself up into the hands of the Lord *Say*, to dispose of him as he thought fit, till the King took the White Staff from him, and gave it to the Earl of *Essex*, as hath been related at large before.

FROM this time, he took himself to be absolv'd from all obligations,

obligations, and dependence upon the Court, which he had liv'd too long in to be willing to quit; and therefore the more closely adher'd to Them by whose Power he thought he might get thither again; and for some time, entertain'd the hope of obtaining the other Superior White Staff; which remain'd then in the King's hand by the departure of the Earl of *Arundel* into the parts beyond the Seas. But when he saw that Staff given to the Duke of *Richmond*, who was then made Lord Steward of the Houshold, he gave over those weak imaginations, and concurr'd roundly in all the Lord *Say* propos'd; and was so weak still as to believe They never meant to Rebel against the King; or that the King could long subsist, without putting himself into Their hands. When they had any thing to do in the West, as the exercise of the Militia, or executing any other Ordinance, they sent him into the Country, and shew'd him to the People under the Conduct of two or three Members of the House, in whom they could Confide; and he talk'd "Of the King's evil Counsellors, who carried him from his Parliament; and of the Malcontents; and against Scandalous Ministers; whilst none of his old Friends came near him. And when they were resolv'd no longer to trust the Isle of *Wight* in the hands of the Earl of *Portland*, who had been long the King's Governour there, and had an absolute power over the Affections of that People, They preferr'd the poor Earl of *Pembroke* to it, by an Ordinance of Parliament; who kindly accepted it, as a Testimony of their Favour; and so got into actual Rebellion, which he never intended to do. It is pity to say more of him, and less could not be said to make him known.

Of the Earl
of *Essex*.

THE Earl of *Essex* hath been enough mention'd before; his Nature, and his Understanding have been describ'd; his former disobligations from the Court, and then his Introduction into it, and afterwards his being displaced from the Office he held in it, have been set forth; and there will be occasion, hereafter, to renew the discourse of him; and therefore it shall suffice in this place, to say, that a weak Judgment, and some Vanity, and much Pride, will hurry a Man into as unwarrantable, and as violent Attempts, as the greatest, and most unlimited, and insatiable Ambition will do. He had no Ambition of Title, or Office, or Preferment, but only to be kindly look'd upon, and kindly spoken to, and quietly to enjoy his own Fortune: and without doubt, no Man in his Nature more abhorr'd Rebellion than he did, nor could he have been led into it by any open and transparent Temptation, but by a thousand disguises and couzenages. His Pride supplied his want of Ambition, and he was angry to see any other Man more respected than himself, because he thought
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he deserv'd it more and did better require it. For he was in his Friendships just, and constant; and would not have practiced foully against those he took to be Enemies. No Man had credit enough with him to corrupt him in point of Loyalty to the King, whilst he thought himself Wise enough to know what Treason was. But the new Doctrine, and distinction of Allegiance, and of the King's Power in and out of Parliament, and the new Notions of Ordinances, were too hard for him, and did really intoxicate his Understanding, and made him quit his own, to follow Theirs, who, he thought, wish'd as well, and judg'd better than himself. His Vanity dispos'd him to be his Excellency; and his Weakness, to believe that he should be the General in the Houses, as well as in the Field; and be able to govern their Counsels, and restrain their Passions, as well as to Fight their Battles; and that, by this means, he should become the Preserver, and not the Destroyer of the King and Kingdom. With this ill grounded Confidence, he Launch'd out into that Sea, where he met with nothing but Rocks and Shelves, and from whence, he could never discover any safe Port to Harbour in.

THE Earl of *Salisbury* had been born and bred in Court, and had the advantage of a descent from a Father, and a Grand-father, who had been very Wise Men, and great Ministers of State in the Eyes of *Christendom*; whose Wisdom and Virtues died with them, and their Children only inherited their Titles. He had been admitted of the Council to King *James*; from which time he continued so obsequious to the Court, that he never fail'd in overacting all that he was requir'd to do. No Act of Power was ever propos'd, which he did not advance, and execute his part with the utmost Rigour. No Man so great a Tyrant in his Country, or was less sway'd by any motives of Justice or Honour. He was a Man of no words, except in Hunting, and Hawking. In matters of State, and Council, He always concurr'd in what was propos'd for the King, and cancell'd and repair'd all those Transgressions, by concurring in all that was propos'd against Him, as soon as any such Propositions were made. Yet when the King went to *Tork*, He likewise attended upon his Majesty; and, at that distance, seem'd to have recover'd some Courage, and concurr'd in all Counsels which were taken to undeceive the People, and to make the proceedings of the Parliament odious to all the World. But, on a suddain, he caus'd his Horses to attend him out of the Town, and having placed fresh ones at a distance, he fled back to *London*, with the expedition such Men use, when they are most afraid; and never after denied to do any thing that was requir'd

*Of the Earl
of Salis-
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quir'd of him; and when the War was ended, and *Cromwell* had put down the House of Peers, he got himself to be chosen a Member of the House of Commons; and sat with them, as of their own Body; and was esteem'd accordingly.

*Of the Earl
of War-
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THE Earl of *Warwick* was of the King's Council too, but was not wonder'd at for leaving the King, whom he had never well serv'd; nor did he look upon himself as obliged by that Honour, which, he knew, was conferr'd upon him in the croud of those whom his Majesty had no esteem of, or ever propos'd to Trust; so his business was to joyn with those to whom he ow'd his Promotion. He was a Man of a pleasant, and Companionable Wit, and Conversation; of an universal Jollity; and such a licence in his Words, and in his Actions, that a Man of less Virtue could not be found out; so that one might reasonably have believ'd, that a Man so qualified, would not have been able to have contributed much to the overthrow of a Nation, and Kingdom. But with all these faults, he had great Authority and Credit with that People, who, in the beginning of the Troubles, did all the mischief; and by opening his doors, and making his House the Rendezvous of all the Silenced Ministers, in the time when there was Authority to Silence them, and spending a good part of his Estate, of which he was very prodigal, upon them, and by being present with them at their Devotions, and making himself merry with them, and at them, which they dispensed with, He became the head of That Party; and got the Style of a Godly Man. When the King revoked the Earl of *Northumberland's* Commission of Admiral, He presently accepted the Office from the Parliament; and never quitted their Service; and when *Cromwell* disbanded that Parliament, he betook himself to the protection of the Protector; Married his Heir to his Daughter; and liv'd in so entire a Confidence, and Friendship with him, that when the Protector dy'd, he exceedingly lamented him. He left his Estate, which before was Subject to a vast Debt, more improv'd and repair'd, than any Man who Traffick'd in that desperate Commodity of Rebellion.

*Of the Earl
of Holland.*

THE Earl of *Holland* had grown up under the shadow of the Court, and had been too long a Counsellor before, and contributed too much to the Counsels which had most prejudiced the Crown, to have declined waiting upon it, when it needed Attendance. But he chose to stay with the Parliament; and there hath been enough said of him before, and more must be said hereafter. And therefore it shall suffice now, to say, that there was a very froward Fate attended all, or most of the Posterity of that Bed, from whence he and his Brother of *Warwick* had their original; though he, and some others among them, had many very good Parts, and excellent Endowments.

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THE Earl of *Manchester*, of the whole Cabal, was, in a thousand respects, most unfit for the Company he kept. He was of a gentle, and a generous Nature; civilly bred; had Reverence and Affection for the Person of the King, upon whom he had attended in *Spain*; lov'd his Country with too unskilful a tenderness; and was of so excellent a Temper, and Disposition, that the barbarous times, and the rough parts he was forced to act in them, did not wipe out, or much deface those Marks: Inasmuch as he was never guilty of any rudeness towards those he was obliged to oppress, but perform'd always as good Offices towards his old Friends, and all other Persons, as the iniquity of the Time, and the nature of the Employment he was in, would permit him to do; which kind of humanity could be imputed to very few.

HE was at last dismiss'd, and remov'd from any Trust, for no other reason, but because he was not Wicked enough. He married first into the Family of the Duke of *Buckingham*, and, by His Favour, and Interest, was call'd to the House of Peers in the life of his Father; and made Baron of *Kimbolton*, though he was commonly treated and known by the Name of the Lord *Mandevill*; and was as much addicted to the service of the Court as he ought to be. But the death of his Lady, and the Murder of that great Favorite, his second Marriage with the Daughter of the Earl of *Warwick*, and the very narrow, and restrain'd maintenance, which he receiv'd from his Father, and which would in no degree defray the expences of the Court, forced him too soon to retire to a Country Life; and totally to abandon both the Court, and *London*; whither he came very seldom in many years. And in this retirement, the discountenance which his Father underwent at Court, the conversation of that Family into which he was Married, the bewitching Popularity, which flow'd upon him with a wonderful torrent, and the want of those Guards which a good Education should have supplied him with, by the clear Notion of the Foundation of the Ecclesiastical, as well as the Civil Government, made a great impression upon his Understanding (for his Nature was never corrupted, but remain'd still in it's Integrity) and made him believe that the Court was inclin'd to hurt, and even to destroy the Country; and from particular Instances to make general, and dangerous conclusions. They who had been always Enemies to the Church prevail'd with him to lessen his reverence for it, and having not been well instructed to defend it, he yielded too easily to those who confidently assaulted it; and thought it had great errors, which were necessary to be reform'd; and that all means are lawful to compass that which is necessary. Whereas the true Logick is, that the thing desir'd is not necessary, if

if the ways are unlawful which are proposed to bring it to pass: No Man was courted with more application, by Persons of all conditions, and qualities; and his Person was not less acceptable to those of steady and uncorrupted Principles, than to those of deprav'd inclinations. And in the end, even his Piety administer'd some excuse to him; for his Father's infirmities, and transgressions, had so far expos'd him to the inquisition of Justice, that the Son found it necessary to procure the Assistance, and Protection of those who were strong enough to violate Justice it self; and so he adhered to those who were best able to defend his Father's Honour, and thereby to secure his own Fortune; and concurr'd with them in their most violent designs, and gave reputation to them. And the Court as unskilfully took an occasion too soon to make him desperate, by accusing him of High Treason, when (though he might be guilty enough) he was, without doubt, in his Intentions, at least, as innocent as any of the leading Men.

It is some Evidence, that God Almighty saw his heart was not so malicious as the rest, that he preserv'd Him to the end of the confusion; when he appear'd as glad of the King's Restoration, and had heartily wish'd it long before, and very few, who had a hand in the contrivance of the Rebellion, gave so manifest tokens of Repentance as He did; and having, for many years, undergone the jealousy, and hatred of *Cromwell*, as one who abominated the Murder of the King, and all the Barbarous proceeding against the Lives of Men in cold Blood; the King upon his return receiv'd him into grace and favour, which he never after forfeited by any undutiful behaviour.

Of the Lord Say.

THE last of those Counsellors which were made after the faction prevail'd in Parliament, who were all made to advance an Accomodation, and who adhered to the Parliament, was the Lord Say; a Man, who had the deepest hand in the original Contrivance of all the Calamities which beset this unhappy Kingdom, though he had not the least thought of dissolving the Monarchy, and less of levelling the Ranks, and Distinctions of Men. For no Man valued himself more upon his Title, or had more Ambition to make it greater, and to raise his Fortune, which was but moderate for his Title. He was of a proud morose, and sullen Nature; conversed much with Books, having been bred a Scholar; and (though nobly born) a Fellow of New College in *Oxford*; to which he claim'd a right, by the Alliance he pretended to have from *William of Wickham*, the Founder; which he made good by a far fetch'd Pedigree, through so many hundred years, half the time whereof extinguishes all relation of kindred. However upon that pretence, that College had been seldom with-

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out one of that Lord's Family. His parts were not quick, but so much above many of his own Rank, that he had always great Credit, and Authority in Parliament; and the more, for taking all opportunities to oppose the Court; and He had, with his Milk, suck'd in an implacable Malice against the Government of the Church. When the Duke of *Buckingham* propos'd to himself, after his return with the Prince from *Spain*, to make himself Popular, by breaking that match, and to be gracious with the Parliament, as for a short time he was, he resolv'd to embrace the Friendship of the Lord *Say*; who was as sollicitous to climb by that Ladder. But the Duke quickly found him of too Imperious, and pedantical a Spirit, and to affect too dangerous mutations; and so cast him off; and from that time he gave over any pursuit in Court, and liv'd narrowly in the Country; having conversation with very few, but such who had great Malignity against the Church and State, and fomented their inclinations, and gave them instructions how to behave themselves with caution, and to do their Business with most security; and was in truth the Pilot, that Steer'd all those Vessels which were freighted with Sedition to destroy the Government.

He found always some way to make professions of duty to the King, and made several undertakings to do great Services, which he could not, or would not, make good; and made haste to possess himself of any Preferment he could compass, whilst his Friends were content to attend a more proper conjuncture. So he got the Mastership of the Wards shortly after the beginning of the Parliament, and was as sollicitous to be Treasurer after the death of the Earl of *Bedford*; and, if he could have satisfied his Rancour in any degree against the Church, he would have been ready to have carried the Prerogative as high as ever it was. When he thought there was mischief enough done, he would have stopped the current, and have diverted farther Fury; but he then found he had only Authority and Credit to do hurt; none to heal the wounds he had given; and fell into as much Contempt with those whom he had led, as he was with those whom he had undone.

THE last of the Counsellors who stay'd with the Parliament, was *S^r Henry Vane*; who had so much excuse for it, that, being thrown out of Court, he had no whither else to go; and promis'd himself to be much made of by Them, for whose sakes only he had brought that infamy upon himself. He was of very ordinary parts by Nature, and had not cultivated them at all by Art; for he was Illiterate. But being of a stirring and boisterous disposition, very industrious, and very bold, he still wrought himself into some employment. He had been acquainted with the vicissitudes of Court, and had

of *S^r Henry Vane* the
elder.

had undergone some severe Mortification, by the disfavour of the Duke of *Buckingham*, in the beginning of the King's Reign. But the Duke was no sooner dead (which made it believ'd that he had made his Peace in his life time, for the King was not, in a long time after, reconciled to any Man who was eminently in the Duke's disfavour) but he was again brought into the Court, and made a Counsellor and Controller of the Household; which place he became well, and was fit for, and if he had never taken other preferment, he might probably have continued a good Subject. For he had not inclination to change, and in his judgment he had liked the Government both of Church, and State; and only desired to raise his Fortune, which was not great, and which he found many ways to improve. And he was wont to say, "That he never had desired other preferment; and believ'd, that Marquis *Hamilton* (with whom he had never kept fair quarter) when he first propos'd to him to be Secretary of State, did it to affront him; well knowing his want of Ability for the discharge of that Office. But, without doubt, as the fatal preferring him to that place was of unspeakable prejudice to the King, so his receiving it was to his own destruction. His malice to the Earl of *Strafford* (who had unwisely provoked him, wantonly, and out of contempt) transported him to all imaginable thoughts of Revenge; which is a Guest, that naturally disquiets, and tortures those who entertain it, with all the perplexities they contrive for others; and That dispos'd him to sacrifice his Honour and Faith, and his Master's interest, that he might ruin the Earl, and was buried Himself in the same ruin; for which being justly chastised by the King, and turn'd out of his Service, he was left to his own despair; and though he concurr'd in all the malicious designs against the King, and against the Church, he grew into the hatred, and contempt, of those who had made most use of him; and dyed in universal reproach, and not condemn'd more by any of his Enemies, than by his own Son; who had been his principal Conductor to Destruction.

WE now pass to the Transactions in the Treaty it self, which was in the beginning of the Year 1643.

THE END OF THE SIXTH BOOK.

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History of the Rebellion, &c.
B O O K VII.

Mic. III. 11.

The heads thereof judge for reward, and the Priests thereof teach for hire, and the Prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us.

Mic. VII. 4.

The best of them is as a brier; the most upright is sharper than a thorn-bedge: the day of thy watchmen, and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.



WHEN the Treaty was first consented to by the two Houses, they order'd that it should be upon the first Proposition made by his Majesty, and the first Proposition made by themselves; and that those should be first concluded on, before they proceeded to Treat upon any of the other Propositions. So that the Committee, in the first place, applied themselves to his Majesty, upon his own first Proposition, which was, "That his own Revenue, Magazines, Towns, Forts, and Ships, which had been taken, or kept from him by Force, should be forthwith restored to him. To which the Committee answer'd; That the two Houses had made use of his Majesty's own Revenue but in a very small proportion, which in a good part had been employ'd in the maintenance of his Children, according

“ cording to the allowance establish’d by himself. And the
 “ Houses would satisfy what should remain due to his Majesty
 “ of those Sums, which they had receiv’d; and would leave the
 “ same to him for the time to come. And they desired likewise,
 “ that his Majesty would restore what had been taken for his
 “ use, upon any of the Bills assign’d to other purposes by several
 “ Acts of Parliament, or out of the provision made for the
 “ War of *Ireland*: That all the Arms, and Ammunition
 “ taken out of his Magazines should be deliver’d into his
 “ Stores, and whatsoever should be wanting they would supply
 “ in kind, according to the Proportions they had receiv’d:
 “ but they propos’d, the Persons, to whose charge those public
 “ Magazines should be committed, being nominated by
 “ his Majesty, might be such, as the two Houses of Parliament
 “ might Confide in, and that his Majesty would restore
 “ all such Arms and Ammunition, as had been taken for his
 “ use, from the several Counties, Cities, and Towns.

“ THAT the two Houses would remove the Garrisons out
 “ of all Towns, and Forts in their hands, wherein there were
 “ no Garrisons before these Troubles, and slight all Fortifications
 “ made since that time, and those Towns, and Forts,
 “ to continue in the same condition they were in before; and
 “ that those Garrisons should not be renewed, or the Fortifications
 “ repair’d without consent of his Majesty, and both
 “ Houses of Parliament. That the Towns, and Forts, which
 “ were within the jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports, should be
 “ deliver’d into the hands of such a Noble Person, as the King
 “ should appoint to be Warden of the Cinque Ports, being
 “ such a one as they should Confide in. That *Portsmouth*
 “ should be reduced to the number of the Garrison, as was at
 “ that time when the Lords and Commons undertook the custody
 “ of it; and that all other Forts, Castles, and Towns,
 “ in which Garrisons had been kept, and had been since the
 “ beginning of these Troubles taken into Their care, and custody,
 “ should be reduced to the same establishment they had
 “ in the year 1636, and should be so continued; and that all
 “ those Towns, Forts, and Castles, should be deliver’d up
 “ into the hands of such Persons of Quality, and Trust, to be
 “ likewise nominated by his Majesty, as the two Houses
 “ should Confide in. That the Warden of the Cinque Ports,
 “ and all Governours, and Commanders of Towns, Castles,
 “ and Forts, should keep the same Towns, Castles, and Forts,
 “ respectively, for the Service of his Majesty, and the safety
 “ of the Kingdom; and that they should not admit into them
 “ any Foreign Forces, or any other Forces rais’d without his
 “ Majesty’s Authority, and Consent of the two Houses of
 “ Parliament; and they should use their utmost endeavour to
 “ suppress

“ suppress all Forces whatsoever raised without such Authority, and Consent; and they should seize all Arms, and Ammunition, provided for any such Forces.

“ THEY likewise propos’d to the King that he would remove the Garrison out of *New-Castle*, and all other Towns, Castles, and Forts, where any Garrisons had been placed by him since these Troubles; and that the Fortifications might be likewise slighted, and the Towns and Forts left in such state as they were in the year 1636; and that all other Towns and Castles in his hands, wherein there had been formerly Garrisons, might be committed to such Persons nominated by him, as the Houses should Confide in, and under such Instructions as were formerly mention’d; and that the new Garrisons should not be renew’d, or the Fortifications repair’d, without the consent of the King and both Houses of Parliament. That the Ships should be deliver’d into the charge of such a Noble Person, as the King should nominate to be Lord High Admiral of *England*, and the two Houses Confide in; who should receive that Office by Letters Patents, *quam diu se bene gesserit*, and should have power to nominate, and appoint all Subordinate Commanders and Officers, and have all other powers appertaining to the Office of High Admiral; which Ships he should employ for the defence of the Kingdom, against all Forreign Forces whatsoever, and for the safeguard of Merchants, securing of Trade, and the guarding of *Ireland*, and the intercepting of all supplies to be carried to the Rebels; and should use his utmost endeavours to suppress all Forces, which should be raised by any Person without his Majesty’s Authority, and Consent of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, and should seize all Arms, and Ammunition, provided for supply of any such Forces.

To this Answer, by which they required at least to go whole Sharers with him in his Sovereignty, the King replied, “ That he knew not what proportion of his Revenue had been made use of by his two Houses, but he had reason to believe, if much of it had not been used, very much remain’d still in their hands; his whole Revenue being so stopp’d, and seized on, by the orders of one or both Houses, even to the taking of his Money out of his Exchequer, and Mint, and Bonds (forced from his Cofferers Clerk) for the Provisions of his Household; that very little had come to his use for his own support, but he would be well contented to allow whatsoever had been employed in the maintenance of his Children, and to receive the Arrears due to himself, and to be sure of his own for the future. He was likewise willing to restore all Monies taken for his use, by

"any Authority from him, upon any Bills assign'd to other
 "purposes, being assured he had receiv'd very little or nothing
 "that way : and he expected likewise, that satisfaction should
 "be made by them for all those several vast sums, receiv'd,
 "and diverted to other purposes, by orders of one or both
 "Houses, which ought to have been paid by the Act of Pa-
 "cification to his Subjects of *Scotland*, or employ'd for the
 "discharge of the debts of the Kingdom; or, by other Acts
 "of Parliament, for the relief of his poor Protestant Subjects
 "in *Ireland*. For what concern'd his Magazines, he was con-
 "tent that all the Arms, and Ammunition, taken out of his
 "Magazines, which did remain in the hands of both Houses,
 "or of Persons employ'd by them, should be, as soon as the
 "Treaty was concluded, deliver'd into the Tower of *London*;
 "and that whatsoever should be wanting of the Proportions
 "taken by them, should be supplied by them, with all conve-
 "nient speed in kind; which, he said, should be committed
 "to, and continued in, the Custody of the sworn Officers, to
 "whose places the same belong'd : And if any of those Offi-
 "cers had already forfeited, or hereafter should forfeit that
 "Trust, by any misdemeanours, his Majesty would by no
 "means defend them from the Justice of the Law. That he
 "always intended to restore such Arms, and Ammunition,
 "which he had been compell'd to take from any Persons, and
 "Places, when his own had been taken from him; and would
 "make them recompence as soon as his own Stores were re-
 "stored to him.

"To whatsoever they propos'd for the slighting all Forti-
 "fications, and reducing all Garrisons, which had been made
 "since the beginning of the Troubles, and leaving them in
 "the State they were before, the King fully, and absolutely
 "consented; and that the old Castles, and Garrisons, should
 "be reduced to their Ancient proportion, and establishment;
 "but for the Governours, and Commanders of them, he said,
 "that the Cinque Ports were already in the Custody of a No-
 "ble Person, against whom he knew no just exception, and
 "who had such a legal interest therein, that he could not, with
 "Justice, remove him from it, until some sufficient cause
 "were made appear to him : But he was very willing, if he
 "should at any time be found guilty of any thing that might
 "make him unworthy of that Trust, that he might be pro-
 "ceeded against according to the Rules of Justice. That the
 "Government of the Town of *Portsmouth*, and all other Forts,
 "Castles, and Towns, as were formerly kept by Garrisons,
 "should be put into the hands of such Persons, against whom
 "no just exceptions could be made; all of them being, be-
 "fore these Troubles, by Letters Patents granted to several
 "Persons,

“ Persons, against any of whom he knew not any exceptions; who should be remov’d if just cause should be given for the same. The Warden of the Cinque Ports, and all other Governors, and Commanders of the Towns, and Castles, should keep their Charges, as by the Law they ought to do; and for the King’s Service, and safety of the Kingdom; and they should not admit into any of them Foreign Forces, or other Forces rais’d, or brought into them contrary to the Law; but should use their utmost endeavours to suppress such Forces, and should seize all Arms, and Ammunition, which by the Laws, and Statutes of the Kingdom, they ought to seize.

To that part which concern’d the Ships, the King told them, “ That he expected his own Ships should be deliver’d to him, as by the Law they ought to be; and that when he should think fit to nominate a Lord High Admiral of *England*, it should be such a Person against whom no just exception could be made; and if any should be, he would always leave him to his due Tryal, and Examination; and he would grant his Office to him by such Letters Patents, as had been us’d. In the mean time he would govern the Admiralty by Commission, as had been in all times accustomed; and whatsoever Ships should be set out by Him or his Authority, should be employ’d for the defence of the Kingdom against all Foreign Forces whatsoever, for the Safeguard of Merchants, Securing of Trade, Guarding of *Ireland*, and the intercepting of all Supplies to be carried to the Rebels; and they should use their utmost endeavours to suppress all Forces, which should be rais’d, by any Person whatsoever, against the Laws and Statutes of the Kingdom; and to seize all Arms and Ammunition provided for the supply of any such Forces.

It is evident to all Men where the difference now lay between them, being whether the King would reserve the disposal of those Offices and Places of Trust to Himself, which all Kings had enjoy’d, and was indeed a part of his Regality; or whether he would be content with such a Nomination, as being to pass, and depend upon their approbation, no Man should ever be admitted to them, who was nominated by Him? The Committee, upon his Majesty’s Answer, desir’d to know; “ whether he did intend, that both Houses should express their Confidence of the Persons, to whose trust those Places were to be committed; for that they were directed by their Instructions, that, if his Majesty was pleas’d to assent thereunto, and to nominate Persons of Quality to receive the charge of them, that they should certify it to both Houses of Parliament, that thereupon they might express their Con-

“ fidence,

“fidence in those Persons, or humbly desire his Majesty to
 “name others, none of which Persons to be remov’d during
 “three years next ensuing, without just cause to be approv’d
 “by both Houses; and if any should be so remov’d, or die
 “within that space, the Persons, to be put in their Places, to
 “be such, as the two Houses should Confide in. The King
 “answer’d, “That he did not intend, that the Houses should
 “express Their Confidence of the Persons, to whose Trusts
 “those Places should be committed, but only that they should
 “have liberty, upon any just exception, to proceed against
 “any such Persons according to Law; his Majesty being re-
 “solv’d not to Protect them against the Publick Justice.
 “When any of the Places should be void, he well knew the
 “Nomination, and free Election of those, who should suc-
 “ceed, to be a right belonging to, and inherent in his Ma-
 “jesty; and having been enjoy’d by all his Royal Progeni-
 “tors, He could not believe his well affected Subjects desir’d
 “to limit him in that Right; and desir’d they would be sa-
 “tisfied with this Answer, or give him any reasons to alter
 “his Resolution, and he would comply with them.

“They told him, “There could be no good and firm Peace
 “hoped for, if there were not a cure found out for the Fears
 “and Jealousies; and they knew none sure, but this which
 “They had propos’d. The King reply’d, “That he rather
 “expected reasons ground’d upon Law, to have shew’d him,
 “by the Law, that he had not that Right he pretended, or
 “that They had a Right Superior to His, in what was now
 “in question; or that they would have shew’d him some le-
 “gal reason, why the Persons trust’d by him were incapable
 “of such a Trust; than that they would only have insist’d up-
 “on Fears, and Jealousies, of which as he knew no ground,
 “so he must be ignorant of the Cure. That the Argument
 “they us’d might extend to the depriving him of, or at least
 “sharing with him in, all his just Regal Power; since Power,
 “as well as Forces, might be the object of Fears and Je-
 “alousies, and there would be always a Power left to hurt,
 “whilst there was any left to protect and defend. He told
 “them, “If he had as much inclination, as he had more right,
 “to Fears and Jealousies, he might with more reason have
 “insist’d upon an addition of Power, as a Security to enable
 “him to keep his Forts, when he had them, since it ap-
 “pear’d it was not so great, but that they had been able to
 “take them from him, than they to make any difficulty to
 “restore them to him in the same case they were before.
 “But, he said, as he was himself content with, so, he took
 “God to Witness, his greatest desire was, to observe always
 “and maintain the Law of the Land; and expected the same
 “from

“from his Subjects; and believ’d the mutual observance of
“that Rule, and neither of them to fear what the Law fear’d
“not, to be, on both parts, a better Cure for that dangerous
“Disease of Fears and Jealousies, and a better means to esta-
“blish a happy and perpetual Peace, than for him to divest
“himself of those Trusts, which the Law of the Land had set-
“tled in the Crown alone, to preserve the Power, and Dignity
“of the Prince; for the better Protection of the Subject, and
“of the Law, and to avoid those dangerous distractions, which
“the Interest of any Sharers with him, would have infallibly
“produced.

THE Committee neither offer’d to Answer his Majesty’s
Reasons, nor to oppose other Reasons to weigh against them;
but only said, “That they were Commanded by their Instru-
“ctions, to insist upon the desires of both Houses formerly
“express’d. To which the King made no other Answer,
“than that he conceiv’d it all the Justice in the World for him
“to insist, that what was by Law his own, and had been
“contrary to Law taken from him, should be fully restored
“to him, without conditioning to impose any new limita-
“tions upon Him, or his Ministers, which were not formerly
“requir’d from them by the Law; and he thought it most
“unreasonable, to be press’d to diminish his own just Rights
“Himself, because Others had violated and usurped them.
This was the sum of what pass’d in the Treaty upon that
Proposition.

To the first Proposition of the two Houses, “That his
“Majesty would be pleased to disband his Armies, as they
“likewise would be ready to disband all their Forces, which
“they had rais’d, and that he would be pleased to return to
“his Parliament: The King answer’d, “That he was as ready
“and willing that all Armies should be disbanded, as any
“Person whatsoever; and conceiv’d the best way to it, would
“be a happy and speedy conclusion of the present Treaty;
“which, if both Houses would contribute as much as He
“would do to it, would be suddenly effected. And as He
“desir’d nothing more than to be with his two Houses, so He
“would repair thither as soon as he could possibly do it with
“his Honour, and Safety.

THE Committee ask’d him, “If by a happy and speedy
“conclusion of the present Treaty, he intended a conclusion
“upon the two first Propositions, or a conclusion of the Treaty
“in all the Propositions of both parts. The King, who well
“knew it would be very ungracious to deny the disbanding of
“the Armies, till all the Propositions were agreed, some where-
“of would require much time, answer’d, “That he intended
“such a conclusion of, or in the Treaty, as there might be a

"clear evidence to Himself, and his Subjects, of a future
 "Peace, and no ground left for the continuance, or growth
 "of those bloody Diffensions; which, he doubted not, might
 "be obtain'd, if both Houses would consent that the Treaty
 "should proceed without farther interruption, or limitation
 "of days. They ask'd him, "What he intended should be
 "a clear evidence to him, and his good Subjects, of a future
 "Peace, and no ground left for the continuance, and growth
 "of those bloody Diffensions? His Majesty told them,
 "If the conclusion of the present Treaty upon his first Pro-
 "position, and the first Proposition of both Houses, should
 "be so full, and perfectly made, that the Law of the Land
 "might have a full, free, and uninterrupted course, for the
 "defence, and preservation of the Rights of his Majesty, and
 "of themselves, and the rest of his Subjects, there would
 "be thence a clear evidence to Him, and all Men, of a fu-
 "ture Peace; and it would be such a conclusion as he in-
 "tended, never meaning that both Armies should remain
 "undisbanded until the Propositions on both sides were fully
 "concluded. To the other clause of their own Proposition
 "concerning the King's return to the Parliament, they said,
 "They had no Instructions to treat upon it; which the King
 "much wonder'd at; and finding that they had no other Au-
 "thority to Treat, or Debate what was necessary to be done
 "in order to disbanding, but only to press him to appoint a
 "day for the actual disbanding; and that the Forces in the
 "North, where he had a great Army, and they had none,
 "might be first disbanded, he endeavour'd to draw them to
 "some Propositions upon his return to the Parliament; from
 "whence expedients would naturally result, if they pursued
 "that heartily, which would conclude a general Peace. And
 "it seem'd very strange, that, after so many discourses of the
 "King's absence from the Houses, from whence they had
 "taught the People to believe that most of the present Evils
 "flow'd, and proceeded, when a Treaty was now enter'd upon,
 "and that was a part of their own first Proposition, that
 "their Committee should have no Instructions, or Authority
 "to Treat upon it. After this, they receiv'd new In-
 "structions, "To declare to his Majesty the desire of both
 "Houses, for his coming to his Parliament; which, they said,
 "they had often express'd with full offers of security to his
 "Royal Person, agreeable to their Duty and Allegiance, and
 "they knew no cause why he might not repair thither with
 "Honour, and Safety. When the King found he could not
 "engage them in that Argument to make any particular Over-
 "ture, or Invitation to him; and that the Committee, who ex-
 "press'd willingness enough, had not in truth the least power
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to promote, or contribute to an accommodation, lest they should make the People believe, that he had a desire to continue the War, because he consented not to their Proposition of disbanding the Armies, he sent this Message, by an express of his own, to the two Houses, after he had first communicated it to their Committee.

Oxford April 12th 1683.

"To shew to the whole World, how earnestly his Majesty *His Majesty's* longs for Peace, and that no success shall make him desire *Message to* the continuance of his Army to any other end, or for any *the two* longer time, than that, and until, things may be so settled, *Houses of* as that the Law may have a full, free, and uninterrupted *Apr. 12.* course, for the Defence, and Preservation of the Rights of *1643.* his Majesty, both Houses, and his good Subjects:

1. "AS SOON as his Majesty is satisfied in his first Proposition, concerning his own Revenue, Magazines, Ships, and Forts, in which he desires nothing, but that the just, known, legal Rights of his Majesty (devolv'd to him from his Progenitors) and of the Persons trusted by him, which have violently been taken from both, be restor'd unto him, and unto them; unless any just and legal exception against any of the Persons trusted by him (which are yet unknown to his Majesty) can be made appear to him:

2. "AS SOON as all the Members of both Houses shall be restor'd to the same capacity of Sitting, and Voting in Parliament, as they had upon the first of *January 1641*; the same, of right, belonging unto them by their Birth-rights, and the free Election of those that sent them; and having been Voted from them for adhering to his Majesty in these distractions; his Majesty not intending that this should extend either to the Bishops, whose Votes have been taken away by Bill, or to such, in whose places, upon new Writs, new Elections have been made:

3. "AS SOON as his Majesty, and both Houses, may be secur'd from such Tumultuous Assemblies, as to the great breach of the Privileges, and the high dishonour of Parliaments, have formerly Assembled about both Houses, and aw'd the Members of the same; and occasion'd two several Complaints from the Lords House, and two several desires of that House to the House of Commons, to joyn in a Declaration against them; the complying with which desire might have prevented all these miserable distractions, which have ensued; which security, his Majesty conceives, can be only settled by adjourning the Parliament to some other place, at the least twenty Miles from *London*, the choice of which his Majesty leaves to both Houses:

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"His Majesty will most chearfully and readily consent,
 "that both Armies be immediately disbanded, and give a pre-
 "sent meeting to both his Houses of Parliament at the time,
 "and place, at, and to which, the Parliament shall be agreed
 "to be Adjourn'd: His Majesty being most confident, that
 "the Law will then recover due Credit and Estimation; and
 "that upon a free Debate, in a full and peaceable Convention
 "of Parliament, such provisions will be made against Seditious
 "Preaching, and Printing against his Majesty, and the esta-
 "blish'd Laws, which have been one of the chief causes of
 "the present distractions, and such care will be taken concern-
 "ing the legal, and known Rights of his Majesty, and the
 "Property, and Liberty of his Subjects, that whatsoever hath
 "been publish'd, or done, in or by colour of any illegal De-
 "claration, Ordinance, or Order of one or both Houses, or
 "any Committee of either of them, and particularly the power
 "to raise Arms without his Majesty's consent, will be in such
 "manner recalled, disclaimed, and provided against, that no
 "seed will remain for the like to spring out of for the future,
 "to disturb the Peace of the Kingdom, and to endanger the
 "very being of it. And in such a Convention his Majesty
 "is resolv'd, by his readiness to consent to whatsoever shall
 "be propos'd to him, by Bill, for the real good of his Sub-
 "jects (and particularly for the better discovery, and speedier
 "Conviction of Reculants; for the Education of the Children
 "of Papists by Protestants in the Protestant Religion; for
 "the prevention of practices of Papists against the State; and
 "the due Execution of the Laws, and true Levying of the Pe-
 "nalties against them) to make known to all the World, how
 "causeless those Fears, and Jealousies have been, which have
 "been rais'd against him; and by that so distracted this mi-
 "serable Kingdom. And if this offer of his Majesty be not
 "consented to (in which he asks nothing for which there is
 "not apparent Justice on his side, and in which he defers
 "many things highly concerning both Himself, and People,
 "till a full, and peaceable Convention of Parliament, which
 "in Justice he might now require) his Majesty is confident,
 "that it will then appear to all the World, not only who is
 "most desirous of Peace, and whose fault it is that both Ar-
 "mies are not now disbanded; but who have been the true
 "and first cause, that this Peace was ever interrupted, or
 "those Armies rais'd, and the beginning, or continuance of
 "the War; and the destruction, and desolation of this poor
 "Kingdom (which is too likely to ensue) will not, by the
 "most interested, passionate, or prejudicate Person, be im-
 "puted to his Majesty.

To this Message the two Houses return'd no Answer to the King, but requir'd the Committee to return to *Westminster* (having been in *Oxford* with his Majesty just twenty days) with such positive circumstances, that the House of Commons enjoyn'd Their Members to begin their Journey the same day; which they obey'd; though it was so late, that they were forced to very inconvenient Accommodations; and at their return, some of them were look'd upon with great Jealousy; as Persons engaged by the King, and disinclin'd to the Parliament; and this Jealousy prevail'd so far, that Mr *Martin* open'd a Letter from the Earl of *Northumberland* to his own Lady, presuming he should therein have discover'd some combination; and this insolence was not disliked.

MANY were of opinion, that the King was too severe in this Treaty, and insisted too much upon what is his own by Right, and Law; and that if he would have distributed Offices and Places liberally to particular Men, which had been a condescension in Policy to be submitted to, he might have been repossest'd of his own Power. And I have heard this alledg'd by many, who at that time were extremely violent against all such Artifices. The Committee themselves (who at that time perfectly abhor'd the proceedings of the Parliament, or rather the power, and superiority of the Earl of *Essex*) seem'd exceedingly desirous of such an accommodation, as all good Men desir'd; and to believe, that if the King would have condescended so far, as to nominate the Earl of *Northumberland* to be Lord High Admiral, that it would have made so great a division in the Houses, that the Treaty would have been continued, and his Majesty been satisfied in all the other Propositions. And the Earl of *Northumberland*, to private Friends, did make as full Professions of future Service to his Majesty, and as ample Recognitions of pass'd Errors, and Mistakes, as could reasonably be expected from a wary Nature, before he could be sure what reception such Professions, and Vows would find. But the King thought the Power and Interest of that Committee would be able to do little, if it could not prevail for the enlarging the time of the Treaty, in which they seem'd heartily to engage themselves. And he was resolv'd at least to have a probable Assurance of the conclusion, before he would offer such concessions, as taking no effect, might prove prejudicial to him: As particularly, the nominating the Earl of *Northumberland* to be Admiral (though he would willingly have done it, as the price and pledge of an Honourable Peace) would have discontented all who had, how unreasonably soever, promised themselves that preferment; and many would have imputed it to an unreasonable easiness (from which imputation is concern'd the King, that

that time, as much to purge himself, as of unmercifulness and revenge) upon promises, and hopes, to have readmitted a Man to a charge, and trust, he had so fatally betray'd, and broken, against as solemn promises, and obligations, at the least, as he could now enter into; and therefore it concern'd the King to be sure of some advantage, in lieu of this visible hazard.

I AM one of those who do believe that this obligation, at this time, lay'd upon the Earl of *Northumberland*, with such other circumstances of kindness, as would have been fit to accompany it, would have met real gratitude, and faithfulness in him (for as, originally, he had, I am periwaded, no evil purposes against the King; so he had now sufficient disdain and indignation against those who got him to tread their Ways, when he had not their Ends) and that it would have made some rent and division in the two Houses (which could not but have produced some benefit to the King) and that it might probably have procured some few days addition for the continuance of the Treaty; the avow'd ground of denying it, being, because the King had not, in the least degree, consented to any one thing proposed by them: but, I confess, I cannot entertain any imagination, that it would have produced a Peace, or given the King any advantage, or benefit in the War: what inconvenience it might have produced hath been touch'd before. For, besides that the stirring and Active Party, who carried on the War, were neither gracious to the Earl of *Northumberland*, nor He to them, their Favourite at Sea being then the Earl of *Warwick*, who had the possession of the Fleet, and whom alone they believ'd fit to be trusted with the Navy; whoever calls to mind what was done in the Houses, during the time of the Treaty, and by Their directions; that by their own Authority they directed all the Lands of Bishops, Deans and Chapters, to be sequester'd, and inhibited their Tenants to pay any Rent to them; that under pretence of searching for Arms, and taking away superstitious Pictures, they caused the Queen's Chapel at *Somerset House* (where she was to exercise her devotion, if they ever meant she should return again to *London*) to be most licentiously rifled; in which License with impunity, her Lodgings were plunder'd, and all her furniture, and goods of value, taken away and imbezell'd; that there was an Order made in the House of Commons, when They sent Their Messengers every day to *Oxford* without any Formality, or Controul, "That whatsoever Person should come from *Oxford*, or "any part of the King's Army to *London*, or the parts adjacent, "without the Warrant of both Houses of Parliament, or of "the Lord General the Earl of *Essex*, he should be apprehended

“hended as a Spy and Intelligencer, and be proceeded against according to the rules and grounds of War; by Virtue of which Order of the House of Commons only, and without any communication that notice might be taken of it, a Servant of the King's, for discharging the duty of his place, was executed; which shall be anon remember'd; all which except the execution of that Man, was transacted during the time of the Treaty at *Oxford*.

WHOSOEVER remembers the other Proposition upon which the Treaty was founded, and the Bills then presented to the King for his Royal Assent; that there was no unreasonable thing demanded in the nineteen Propositions, which was not comprehended in these fourteen, and many additions made that were not in the former; that they demanded the total abolition and extirpation of Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Deans, and Chapters, and the whole frame of the Government of the Church; and another Bill for the calling an Assembly of Divines, nominated by themselves (which was a presumption, as contrary to the Policy and Government of the Kingdom, as the most extravagant Act they had done) consisting of Persons the most deeply engaged in the most unwarrantable Acts that had been done; and yet his Majesty was requir'd to promise to pass such other Bills for settling of Church Government, as, upon consultation with that Assembly of Divines, should be resolv'd on by both Houses of Parliament: That all the other Bills then presented to the King for his Royal Assent, and insisted on, by their fourth Proposition, though they had specious and popular Titles, contain'd many Clauses in them contrary to common Equity, and the Right of the Subject, and introduced proceedings very different from the known Justice of the Kingdom; and therefore, besides the time and circumstances of the passing those Acts (when the Nation was in blood) not like to meet with his Majesty's Approbation; I say, whosoever remembers, and considers all this (to say nothing of the limitations by which their Committee were bound, without any power of debating, or other capacity than to deliver the Resolutions of the two Houses, and to receive the King's Answer, which might as effectually have been done, by any one single ordinary Messenger) cannot, I conceive, believe, that the King's consenting to make any one Person among them High Admiral of *England*, would have been a means to have restored the Kingdom to a present Peace, and the King to his just Rights and Authority. And if all these considerations be not sufficient to render that supposition improbable, that, which follows next in order of Story, will abundantly confute it.

ON *Saturday* the 15th of *April*, which was the very day
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The Earl of
Essex
marches to
Besage
Reading
Apr. 15.
being the
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on which the Treaty expired at *Oxford*; being the last of the twenty days which were first assign'd, and to which no opportunity of the King's could procure an Addition, the Earl of *Essex* march'd with his whole Army from *Windsor*, and sat down before *Reading*; which preparation would not have been so exactly made, and the resolution so punctually taken, if they had meant any reasonable concessions from the King should have frustrated that vast charge, and determin'd all farther Contentions. The Earl had never before been in the head of so gallant an Army, which consisted of about sixteen thousand Foot, and above three thousand Horse, in as good an Equipage, and supplied with all things necessary for a Siege, as could be expected from an Enemy which knew no wants, and had the Command of the Tower of *London*, and all other Stores of the Kingdom. In the Town were above three thousand Foot, and a Regiment of Horse consisting of near three hundred; the Fortifications were very mean to endure a form'd Siege, being made only to secure a Winter Quarter, and never intended for a standing Garrison. And it is very true, that it was resolv'd at a Council of War at *Oxford*, "That before the end of *April* (before which time it was conceiv'd the Enemy would not adventure to take the Field) " *Sr Arthur Aspley* should slight those Works, and draw off his Garrison to the King; and that which made it less able to bear a Siege, than the weakness of their Works, was their want of Ammunition; for they had not forty Barrels of Powder; which could have held a brisk and a daring Enemy but a short time. And as this defect proceeded not from want of foresight, so it was not capable of being supplied, at least in that proportion as was worthy the name of a Supply. For the King had no Port to Friend, by which he could bring Ammunition to *Oxford*; neither had he been yet able to set up any Manufacture for any considerable supply. So that what he brought up with him after the Battle of *Edge-hill*, which was the remainder of the four hundred Barrels brought by the Ship call'd the *Providence*, before the setting up of his Standard, had serv'd for all his expeditions, being distributed into the several Garrisons; and was still to furnish all his growing occasions; and that Magazine now at *Reading* (which was no greater than is before mention'd) was yet double to what was in any other place, *Oxford* only excepted; wherein, at this time, there was not above one hundred Barrels of Powder, and in no one place Match proportionable to that little Powder: And this defect is wholly to be imputed to the lowness, and straightness of the King's condition; for there was no want of industry, but all imaginable care and pains taken to prevent and supply it.

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NOTWITHSTANDING all these difficulties, the Town look'd upon the Enemy with Courage and Contempt enough; and to say the truth, both Officers and Soldiers were as good, as in the infancy of a War could be expected; and they had no apprehension of want of Victual, with which they were abundantly stored. The Soldiers withour, were for the most part, newly levied, and few of their Officers acquainted with the way and order of Assaulting Towns; and this was the first Siege that happen'd in *England*. Upon the first sitting down before it, after they had taken a full View of the ground, their General advis'd with his Council of War, in what manner he should proceed, whether by Assault, or Approach; in which there was great diversity of opinions. "The Works were weak; the Number of the Assaultants sufficient; all materials in readiness; they believ'd the Soldiers in the Town full of Apprehensions, and a very considerable Party of the Inhabitants disaffected to the Garrison, who in the time of a Storm would be able to beget a great distraction. They might be able to Storm it in so many places at once, that the number of the Soldiers within would not be able to defend all; and if they prevail'd in any One, their whole Body of Horse might enter, and be immediately Masters of the Town. If they prevail'd this way, their Army would have that Reputation, and carry that terror with it, that no power of the King's would hereafter be able to abide it; but they might march over the Kingdom, and subdue every part of it; whereas if they delayed their work, and proceeded by way of Approach, these in the Town would recover heart, and after they had digested the present Fears and Apprehensions, contemn their danger; and their own Soldiers, who were yet fresh and vigorous, would every day abate in Courage, and their Numbers in a few weeks lessen as much by sickness and duty, as they should probably do by an Assault. On the other hand it was objected, "That the Army consisted most of new Levies (and in truth there were not, of all that gallant Army that was at *Edge-hill*, among the Foot, three thousand Men) "who would be hardly brought to begin upon so desperate Service; that it was the only Army the Parliament had, upon which all their hopes, and welfare depended; and if, in the Spring, it should receive an Eminent foil, they would not recover their Courage again all the Summer. That they were not only to look upon the taking of *Reading*, but, pursuing that in a reasonable way, to keep themselves in a posture and condition to end the War by a Battle with all the King's Forces; which would no doubt apply themselves to their relief; and no place under Heaven could be so commodious for them to try their Fortune
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"in, as That. Whereas if they should hastily engage themselves upon an Assault, and receive a Repulse, and should be afterwards forced to rise to Fight with the King, they should never make their Men stand; and then their Cause was lost. As for the danger of Sickness among the Soldiers, who were not acquainted with hardship, it was urged, "That though it were earlier in the year than the Armies usually march'd into the Field, yet they had much better accommodation and provision than Armies use to have; their Horse (to whom that time of the year is commonly most hazardous, through the want of Forrage) being plentifully provided for with Hay and Oats by the benefit of the River, and all supplies being sent for the Foot out of *London*.

AND in truth 'tis hardly credible what vast quantities (besides the Provisions made in a very regular way by the Commissioners) of excellent Victual ready dress'd, were every day sent in Wagons and Carts from *London* to the Army, upon the voluntary contributions from private Families, according to their Affections to the good Work in hand: the Common People being perswaded, that the taking of *Reading* would destroy all the King's hopes of an Army; and that it would be taken in very few days. Upon these Arguments and Debates (in which all these reasons were consider'd on both sides) the Major part of the Council inclined, and with that the General complied, to pursue the business by Approach. It was reported, that the Officers of Horse in the Council were all for a Storm, and the Foot Officers for approaching. The chief Care and Oversight of the Approaches was committed to *Philip Skippon*, a Man often mention'd in the first part of this History, who had been an old Officer, and of good experience in the low Countries, and was now made Serjeant-Major-General of the Army, by the absolute power of the two Houses; and without the chearful concurrence of the Earl of *Essex*; though *Sr John Merrick*, who had executed that place by his Lordship's choice from the beginning, was prefer'd to be General of the Ordnance.

THE Approaches advanced very fast, the ground being in all places as fit for that work as could be, and the Town lying so low, that they had easily rais'd many Batteries, from whence they shot their Cannon into the Town at a near distance, but without any considerable execution; there being fewer lost by that Service, than will be believ'd, and but one man of Note, Lieutenant Colonel *D' Ews* a young Man of notable Courage, and Vivacity, who had his Leg shot off by a Cannon Bullet, of which he speedily and very chearfully dyed. From the Town there were frequent Sallies with good Success; and very many Soldiers, and some Officers, of the Enemy were

were kill'd; more, hurt; who were sent to Hospitals near *London*; and those that were sent to *London*, as many Cart-Loads were, were brought in the night, and disposed with great secrecy, that the Citizens might take no notice of it; the Stratagems of this kind are too ridiculous to be particularly set down, though pursued then with great industry; in-
somuch as some were punish'd for reporting that there were many Soldiers kill'd, and hurt before *Reading*; and it was a mark of Malignity to believe those reports: so unfit the People were to be trusted with all truths.

WITHIN a week after the beginning of the Siege, Sr *Arthur Aston* the Governour being in a Court of Guard near the Line which was nearest to the Enemies Approaches, a Cannon shot accidentally lighted upon the top of it; which was cover'd with Brick-tyle, a piece whereof, the shot going through, hit the Governour in the head, and made that impression upon him, that his senses shortly fail'd him, so that he was not only disabled afterwards from executing in his own Person, but incompetent for Counsel or Direction; so that the chief Command was devolv'd to Colonel *Richard Fielding*, who was the eldest Colonel of the Garrison. This accident was then thought of great misfortune to the King, for there was not in his Army an Officer of greater Reputation, and of whom the Enemy had a greater dread. The next night after this accident, but before it was known at *Oxford*, a Party from thence under the Command of Mr *Willmot* the Lieutenant General of the Horse, without any signal opposition, put in a supply of Powder, and a Regiment of five hundred Foot into the Town, and receiv'd Advertisment from thence of the Governour's hurt, and that they must expect to be reliev'd within a week, beyond which time they should not be able to hold out. How ill the King was provided for such an expedition, will best appear by remembring how his Forces were then scatter'd, and the present posture he was then in at *Oxford*.

THE nimble and the successful marches of Sr *William Waller*, whom We left triumphing in *Wales*, after his strange surprize of the Lord *Herbert's* Forces near *Glocester*, caused the King to send Prince *Maurice* with a strong Party of Horse and Dragoons to attend him, who moved from place to place with as great success as speed, after his success at *Hynam*; and to make the shame of those Officers the less, with the spirit of Victory doubled upon him, he came before *Hereford*, a Town very well affected, and reasonably well Fortified, having a Strong Stone Wall about it, and some Cannon, and there being in it some Soldiers of good Reputation, and many Gentlemen of Honour, and Quality; and three or four hundred Soldiers, besides the Inhabitants well Armed; yet, without

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the loss of one Man on either side, to the admiration of all who then heard it, or ever since heard of it, he persuaded them fairly to give up the Town, and yield themselves Prisoners upon Quarter; which they did, and were presently by him sent for their better security to *Bristol*.

FROM thence he march'd to *Worcester*, where his conquests met some stop; for though the Town was not so strong, nor the Garrison so great (I mean of Soldiers; for the Inhabitants were more) as *Hereford*, nor one Officer in it of more experience than he had gotten this unhappy War, the Inhabitants had the Courage to resolve not to admit any Summons or Messenger from him; and when his Drum, against all signs made to him from the Walls not to Approach, did notwithstanding refuse to return without delivering his Message, they shot at him, and kill'd him; and when *Sr William Waller* himself, to revenge that Affront, march'd with his whole Body towards them (there being only an old Gate without Bridge, or Work before it, to hinder his entrance into the Town) they entertain'd him so roughly, that he was forced to retire with the loss of some Officers, and about twenty Common Men; after which, his Men having not been accusom'd to such usage, he got over the *Severn* again, and with quick night marches, so avoided Prince *Maurice* (who took no less pains to meet with him) that with some few light Skirmishes, in which he receiv'd small loss, he carried his Party safe, and full of Reputation, through *Glocester* to the Earl of *Essex's* Army before *Reading*; himself being sent for to *London*, upon a design that must be hereafter mention'd.

THE great want at *Oxford* (if any one particular might deserve that Style, where all necessary things were wanted) was Ammunition; and the only hope of supply was from the North; yet the passage from thence so dangerous, that a Party little Inferiour in strength to an Army was necessary to convey it; for, though the Earl of *New-Castle*, at that time, was Master of the Field in *York-shire*, yet the Enemy was much Superior in all the Counties between that County and *Oxford*; and had planted many Garrisons so near all the Roads that the most private Messengers travell'd with great hazard, three being intercepted for one that escaped. To clear these obstructions, and not without the design of guarding and waiting on the Queen to *Oxford*, if her Majesty were ready for that Journey, at least to secure a necessary supply of Powder, Prince *Rupert* resolv'd in Person to march towards the North, and about the beginning of *April* (the Treaty being then at *Oxford*, and there being hopes that it would have produced a good effect, at least that the Earl of *Essex* would not have taken the Field till *May*) his Highness, with a Party of twelve hundred

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hundred Horse and Dragoons, and six or seven hundred Foot, march'd towards *Lichfield*; which if he could reduce, and settle there a Garrison for the King, lay most convenient for that Northern Communication; and would with it dissolve other little adjacent holds of the Enemies, which contributed much to their interruption. In his way thither, he was to march through *Bromicham*, a Town in *Warwick-shire* before mention'd, and of as great fame for hearty, wilful, affected Disloyalty to the King, as any place in *England*. It is before remember'd, that the King in his march from *Shrewsbury*, notwithstanding the eminent malignity of that People, had shew'd as eminent compassion to them; not giving way that they should suffer by the undistinguishing licence of the Soldier, or by the severity of his own Justice; which clemency of his, found so unequal a return, that, the next day after his remove thence, the Inhabitants of that place seised on his Carriages, wherein were his own Plate, and Furniture; and Conveyed them to *Warwick* Castle; and had from that time, with unusual industry and vigilance, apprehended all Messengers who were employed, or suspected to be so, in the King's Service; and though it was never made a Garrison by direction of the Parliament, being built in such a form, as was indeed hardly capable of being Fortified, yet they had so great a desire to distinguish themselves from the King's good Subjects, that they cast up little slight works at both ends of the Town, and Baricaded the rest, and voluntarily engaged themselves not to admit any intercourse with the King's Forces.

IN this posture Prince *Rupert* now found them, having in the Town with them at that time a Troop of Horse, belonging to the Garrison of *Lichfield*, which was grown to that strength, that it infested those parts exceedingly; and would in a short time have extended it self to a powerful Jurisdiction. His Highness hardly believing it possible, that when they should discover his Power, they would offer to make Resistance, and being unwilling to receive interruption in his more Important design, sent his Quarter-Masters thither to take up his Lodging; and to assure them, "That if they behaved themselves peaceably, they should not suffer for what was past: But they had not Consciences good enough to believe him, and absolutely refused to let him Quarter in the Town; and from their little Works, with Mettle equal to their Malice, they discharged their shot upon him; but they were quickly over-power'd, and some parts of the Town being fired, they were not able to contend with both Enemies; and, distracted between both, suffer'd the Assailant to enter without much loss; who took not that vengeance upon them they deserv'd, but made them expiate their Transgressions with pay-
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IN the Entrance of this Town, and in the too eager pursuit of that loose Troop of Horse that was in it, the Earl of *Denbigh* (who from the beginning of the War, with unwearied pains, and exact submission to discipline and order, had been a Voluntier in Prince *Rupert's* Troop, and been engag'd with singular Courage in all enterprizes of danger) was unfortunately wounded with many hurts on the Head and Body with Swords, and Poll-Axes; of which, within two or three days, he died. Had it not been for this ill accident (and to remember the dismal inequality of this contention, in which always some Earl, or Persons of great Honour or Fortune fell, when after the most signal Victory over the other side, there was seldom lost a Man of any known Family, or of other Reputation, than of Passion for the Cause in which he fell) I should not have mention'd an Action of so little moment, as was this of *Bromicham*; which I shall yet enlarge with the remembrance of a Clergy Man, who was here kill'd at the entering of the Town, after he had not only refused quarter, but provoked the Soldier by the most odious revilings, and reproaches of the Person and Honour of the King, that can be imagin'd, and renouncing all Allegiance to him; in whose pockets were found several Papers of Memorials of his own obscene, and scurrilous behaviour with several Women, in such loose expressions, as modest ears cannot endure. This Man was the principal Governour, and Incendiary of the rude People of that place against their Sovereign. So full a qualification was heightned measure of malice and disloyalty for this Service, that it weighed down the infamy of any other leud and vicious behaviour.

FROM *Bromicham*, the Prince, without longer stay than to remove two or three slight Garrisons in the way, which made very little resistance, march'd to *Lichfield*, and easily possess'd himself of the Town, which lay open to all Comers; but the Close (containing the Cathedral Church, and all the Clergy Men's Houses) was strongly fortified, and resolv'd against him. The Wall, about which there was a broad and deep Mote, was so thick, and strong, that no Battery the Prince could raise, would make any impression; the Governour, one Colonel *Rouswell*, very resolute; and the Garrison of such Men as were most transported with Superstition to the Cause in which they engaged, and in Number equal to the ground they were to keep, and their Provisions ample for a longer time than it was fit the Prince should stay before it. So that it was believ'd, when his Highness had in vain endeavour'd to procure it by Treaty, he would not have engaged

gaged before it; for his strength consisted, upon the matter, wholly in Horse; his Foot and Dragoons being an considerable Force for such an Attempt. But whether the Difficulties were not thoroughly discern'd, and weigh'd at first, or whether the importance of the place was thought so great, that it was worth an equal hazard, and adventure, he resolv'd not to move 'till he had tried the uttermost; and to that purpose, drew what addition of Force he could out of the Country, to strengthen his handful of Foot; and perswaded many Officers, and Voluntiers of the Horse to alight, and bear their parts in the Duty; with which they chearfully and gallantly comply'd; and in less than ten days, he had drawn the Mote dry, and prepar'd two Bridges for the graff. The Besieged omitted nothing that could be perform'd by vigilant, and bold Men; and kill'd, and wounded many of the Besiegers; and disappointed, and spoiled one Mine they had prepared. In the end, early in the Morning, the Prince having prepared all things in readines for the Assault, he sprung another Mine; which succeeded according to wish, and made a breach of twenty foot in the Wall, in a place least suspected by those within; yet they defended it with all possible Courage and Resolution, and kill'd and hurt very many; some, Officers of prime Quality; whereof the Lord Digby, Colonel Gerrard, Colonel Wagstaffe, and Major Leg, were the chief of the wounded; and when they had enter'd the breach, they continued the dispute so fiercely within (the narrowness of the breach, and the ascent not suffering many to enter together, and no Horse being able to get over) that after they had kill'd Colonel Usher, and some other good Officers, and taken others Prisoners (for both Colonel Wagstaffe, and William Leg were in their hands) they compell'd the Prince to consent to very honourable Conditions; which he readily yielded to, as thinking himself a gainer by the Bargain. And so the Garrison march'd out with fair respect, and the Prince's testimony of their having made a Courageous Defence; his Highness being very glad of his Conquest, though the purchase had shrewdly shaken his Troops, and robb'd him of many Officers and Soldiers he much valued. At this time, either the day before, or the day after this Action, Prince Rupert receiv'd a positive Order from the King, "To make all possible haste, with all the strength he had, and all he could draw together from those parts, to the Relief of Reading; which was in the danger We but now left it. Upon which his Highness, committing the Government of Lichfield to Colonel Baggot, a Son of a good and powerful Family in that County, and appointing his Troops to make what haste was possible after him, himself with a few

and Lichfield, and returns to the King.

Servants came to *Oxford* to attend the King, whom he found gone towards *Reading*.

THE importunity from that Garrison for Relief, was so peremptory, and the concernment so great in their Preservation, that the King found it would not bear the necessary delay of Prince *Rupert's* returning with his Forces; and therefore his Majesty in Person, with those Horse and Foot which he could speedily draw together, leaving very few behind him in *Oxford*, or in any other Garrison, advanced towards *Reading*; hoping, and that was the utmost of his hope, that he might with the Assistance of the Garrison, be able to force one Quarter, and so draw out his Men; and by the advantage of those Rivers which divided the Enemy, and by the Passes, be able to retire to *Oxford*; for being joyn'd, he could not have equalled one half of the Enemies Army. When the King drew near the Town, the day being pass'd whereon they had been promised, or had promised themselves Relief, he was encounter'd by a Party of the Enemy, which defended their Post, who being quickly seconded by Supplies of Horse and Foot from all their Quarters, after a very sharp Conflict, in which many fell on both sides, the King's Party, Commanded by the Earl of *Forth* himself [the General] consisting of near one thousand Musqueteers, were forced to retire to their Body; which they did the sooner, because those of the Town made no semblance of endeavouring to joyn with them; which was what they principally rely'd upon. The reason of that was, the Garrison not seeing their Relief coming, had sent for a Parley to the Enemy, which was agreed to, with a Truce for so many hours, upon which Hostages were deliver'd; and a Treaty begun, when the King came to Relieve it. Upon the view of the Enemies strength, and intrenchment, all were of opinion that the small Forces of the King would not be able to raise the Siege, or to joyn with those in the Town; and in this Melancholick conclusion his Majesty retired for the present, resolving to make any other reasonable Attempt the next day. In the mean time, some Soldiers found means to escape out of the Town, and Colonel *Fielding* himself in the Night came to the King, and told him the State they were in; and "That they were in Treaty, and believ'd he might have very good Conditions, and liberty to march away with all their Arms and Baggage; which was so welcome News, that the King bid him, Prince *Rupert* being then present, "That if he could procure such Conditions, he should accept them: for indeed the Men and the Arms were all that the King desir'd, the loss of either of which was like to prove fatal to him. The King continued still at *Nettlebeck*, a Village seven or eight Miles distant

distant from *Reading*, to attend the success of the Treaty; resolving, if it succeeded not, to try the utmost again for their Redemption; but all Men praying heartily for liberty to march off upon the Treaty, the next day these Articles were agreed on.

1. "THAT the Governour, Commanders, and Soldiers, ^{*Reading*}
"both Horse and Foot, might march out with Flying Colours, ^{*surrender'd*}
"Arms, and four Pieces of Ordnance, Ammunition, Bag and ^{*upon Arti-*}
"Baggage, light Match, Bullet in Mouth, Drums beating, and ^{*cles Apr. 27.*}
"Trumpets sounding.
2. "THAT they might have free passage to his Majesty's
"City of *Oxford*, without interruption of any of the Forces
"under the Command of his Excellency the Earl of *Essex*;
"provided the said Governour, Commanders, and Soldiers,
"use no Hostility until they come to *Oxford*.
3. "THAT what Persons were accidentally come to the
"Town, and shut up by the Siege, might have liberty to pass
"without interruption; such Persons only excepted, as had
"run away from the Army under the Command of the Earl
"of *Essex*.
4. "THAT they shall have fifty Carriages for Baggage, sick,
"and hurt Men.
5. "THAT the Inhabitants of the Town of *Reading* should
"not be prejudiced in their Estates, or Persons, either by
"Plundering or Imprisonment; and that they who would
"leave the Town, might have free leave, and passage, safely
"to go to what place they would, with their goods, within
"the space of six Weeks after the Surrender of the Town.
6. THAT the Garrison should quit the Town by twelve
"of the Clock the next Morning; and that the Earl of *Essex*
"should provide a Guard for the Security of the Garrison
"Soldiers, when they begun to march.

UPON these Articles, sign'd by the Earl of *Essex*, the Town was deliver'd on the 27th day of *April* (being within a fortnight after the Siege begun) and the Garrison march'd to the King, who stay'd for them, and with him to *Oxford*. But at their coming out of the Town, and passing through the Enemies Guards, the Soldiers were not only reviled, and reproachfully used, but many of them disarm'd, and most of the Waggon's plunder'd, in the presence of the Earl of *Essex* himself, and the Chief Officers; who seem'd to be offended at it, and not to be able to prevent it; the unruliness of the Common Men being so great. As this breach of the Articles was very notorious, and inexcusable, so it was made the rise, foundation, and excuse for barbarous injustice of the same kind

throughout the greatest part of the War; insomuch as the King's Soldiers afterward, when it was their part to be precise in the observation of Agreements, mutinously remember'd the violation at *Reading*; and thereupon exercised the same License; from thence, either side having somewhat to object to the other, the requisite honesty and justice of observing Conditions was mutually, as it were by agreement, for a long time after Violated.

THERE had been, in the Secret Committee for the carrying on the War, forming those designs, and administering to the expences thereof, a long debate with great difference of opinion, whether they should not march directly with their Army to Besiege *Oxford*, where the King and the Court was, rather than *Reading*; and if they had taken that Resolution, as M^r *Hambden*, and all they who desir'd still to strike at the Root, very earnestly insisted upon, without doubt they had put the King's Affairs into great confusion. For, besides that *Oxford* was not tolerably Fortified, nor the Garrison well provided for, the Court, and multitude of Nobility, and Ladies, and Gentry, with which it was inhabited, bore any kind of Alarm very ill. But others, who did not yet think their Army well enough compos'd to resist all temptations, nor enough subdued in their inclinations to Loyalty, and Reverence towards the Person of the King, had no mind it should Besiege the very place where the King himself was; and the Earl of *Essex* himself, who was yet the Soul of the Army, had no mind to that Enterprise: and so the Army march'd, as hath been said, directly to *Reading*, with the success that is mention'd.

THOUGH, at the instant, the Parliament was highly pleas'd with the getting the Town, and the King as well contented, when he saw his entire Garrison safely joyn'd to the rest of his Army (for it cannot be denied the joy was universal through the King's Quarters, upon the Assurance that they had recover'd near four thousand good Men, whom they had given for lost) yet, according to the Vicissitudes in War, when the Accounts are cast up, either Party grew quickly dissatisfied with it's success. The King was no sooner return'd to *Oxford*, but upon conference between the Officers and Soldiers, there grew a Whisper, "That there had not been fair carriage, and that *Reading* had been betray'd, and from thence made a noise through *Oxford*; and the very next day, and at the same time, Colonel *Fielding*, upon whom the discourses reflected, came to the King to desire, "That an Account might be taken of the whole business at a Council of War for his Vindication; and the Common Soldiers, in a disorderly manner, "To require Justice against Him for betraying, and "delivering up the Town to the Rebels; which they avow'd
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with so much confidence, with the mention of some particulars, "As the having frequent intercourse with the Earl of Essex, and hindering and forbidding the Soldiers to issue out of the Town to joyn with the King, when he came to relieve them, although their Officers had drawn them up to that purpose, and were ready to lead them; and the like; with some rash, and passionate words disrespectful to his Majesty; so that he gave present order for his Commitment, and Tryal at a Court of War; the King himself being marvellously incensed against him, for that Clause in the third Article, which gave liberty to all who were accidentally come to the Town, and shut up by a Siege, to pass without interruption, wherein there was an exception of such Persons who had run away from the Earl of Essex's Army, and by virtue of that exception some Soldiers were taken after the rendering of the Town, and were executed. And though the Colonel excused himself, "As being no more concern'd to Answer for the Articles, than every Member of the Council of War, by which they were agreed; yet it was alledged, "That the Council of War had been induced to consent to those Articles, upon the Colonel's averment, that the King had seen them, and approv'd of them. Whereas his Majesty had never seen any Articles in writing, but only consented, that they should march away with their Arms and Baggage, if the Enemy agreed to those Conditions. I have not known the King more afflicted, than he was with that Clause, which he call'd no less "Than giving up those poor Men, who out of Conscience of their Rebellion, had betaken themselves to his Protection, "to be Massacred and Murder'd by the Rebels, whom they had deserted; and for the vindication of himself therein, he immediately publish'd a Proclamation, in which he took notice of that Clause; and declar'd to all the World:

"THAT he was not privy to, or, in the least degree, consenting to that exception, but held the same most prejudicial to his Service, and derogatory to his Honour; and "that he would always choose to run any hazard or danger, "the Violence or Treason of his Enemies could threaten, or "bring upon him, rather than he would withdraw, or deny "his Protection to any, who, being convinced in their Conscience of their disloyalty, should return to their Duty, and "betake themselves to his Service. And as he had refer'd to a Court of War, the full examination of all the particular proceedings, in the delivery of that Town, that Justice might "be done accordingly; so he did declare, that he would always "proceed with all severity against such, as should, by the like "dishonourable Conditions, expose his Subjects, and bereave "them of his Protection that had return'd to their Obedience "to him.

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Colonel Fielding order'd to be tried for the Surrender.

AT the Tryal, it was objected against the Colonel, "That
 "the Town might have been longer defended, there being
 "no want of necessary Provision, and as much Powder, at the
 "giving it up, as there was when the Enemy came first before
 "it; for besides the first supply, sixteen Barrels were put in
 "during the Skirmish, when the King came to relieve it:
 "That several Colonels press'd very earnestly to Sally, when
 "the King's Forces were engaged, and that they were ex-
 "pressly hinder'd, and forbidden by Him: That he fre-
 "quently gave his Pass to a Woman to go out of the Town,
 "who went into the Earl of *Essex's* Army, and return'd a-
 "gain: That he perswaded the Council of War to consent to
 "the Articles, by protesting that the King had well approv'd
 "them, and reproach'd those Officers who were of another
 "opinion; with some other particulars of License and Passion,
 "which reflected more upon his Discretion, than his Honesty,
 "or Conduct.

He justified himself "To have done nothing towards the
 "delivery of the place, but upon full consideration, advice,
 "and approbation of the Council of War: That he was in
 "his own Conscience, and Judgment satisfied, that the sub-
 "stance of the Articles were advantageous for his Majesty's
 "Service; and though it was true, by that last supply of Ar-
 "munition, their Store was near as much as when the Siege
 "began; yet it was in all but thirty two Barrels, which
 "would have lasted but few hours, if the Enemy, who had
 "approach'd within little more than Pistol-shot of some parts
 "of their Works, should attack them in that manner as they
 "had reason to expect; and if they had held out longer, when
 "it had appear'd that the King was not strong enough to re-
 "lieve them, they should not have been admitted to such
 "Conditions: and therefore, that he believ'd a hazard of so
 "great a concernment, was not to be run, when he well knew
 "his Majesty's former Resolution of slighting the Garrison;
 "and that it would not be now done above a fortnight sooner
 "than was intended: That he had no knowledge of his Ma-
 "jesty's approach, till the Forces were engaged, when a
 "Truce was concluded, and their Hostages in the Enemies
 "hands; and therefore, that he conceiv'd it against the Law
 "of Arms to make any attempt from the Town; and before
 "they could sufficiently deliberate it in Council, his Majesty's
 "Forces retir'd: That the Woman to whom he gave a Pass,
 "was one he often employ'd as a Spy, with very good effect;
 "and he did believe, the advantage he receiv'd by it, was
 "greater than she could carry to the Enemy by any informa-
 "tion she could give: That he did perswade the Council of
 "War to consent to the Conditions, because he believ'd them
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“very profitable to his Majesty, and he had averr’d only his Majesty’s approbation of the general Substance of the Articles, never applied it to the Clause of the third Article, which he much desir’d to have alter’d, but could not obtain the consent of the Enemy. If he had been intemperate, or passionate to any, who were of another opinion, or had used any passionate expression in the Debate, it proceeded only from his Zeal to the Service, and his apprehension of the loss of so many good Men, upon whom he well knew the King much depended: That he might have committed many Indiscretions, for which he desir’d pardon, but had not fail’d in point of Fidelity: That by the unfortunate hurt of the Governour, the Command was devolv’d upon him by his right of Seniority, not any Ambitious design of his own: That he had, from time to time, acquainted *Sr Arthur Aston* with the State, and Condition they were in, and though his indisposition of Health was such, that he would not give positive Orders, he seem’d to approve of all that was done; and though, for the former reason, he refused to sign the Articles, yet they were read to him, and he express’d no dislike of them. The truth of it is, *Sr Arthur Aston* was believ’d by many, not to be in so incompetent a Condition to Command as he pretended; and that albeit his Head was so much swoln, that he might not in Person venture upon any execution, yet his understanding, or senses, were not much distemper’d, or discompos’d; and that he only positively wav’d meddling, out of dislike of the Condition they were in. And it is true, that, when he came to *Oxford*, he could speak as reasonable of any matter, as ever I knew him before, or after.

NOTWITHSTANDING all the defence the Colonel could make for himself, and that there was not indeed any colour of proof, that he had acted any thing treacherously, he was, upon an Article “For not obeying Orders (for in this agitation he had receiv’d some such, which he had not precisely observ’d) “Sentenced to lose his head; which judgment, after long and great intercession, was, in the end, remitted by the King; but his Regiment dispos’d to another; and He never restor’d to that Command. And though he had been always before of an unblemish’d Reputation for Honesty, and Courage; and had heartily been engaged from the beginning of the Troubles, and been hurt in the Service, and he appear’d afterwards as a Voluntier, with the same Courage, in the most perilous Actions, and obtain’d a principal Command in another of the King’s Armies, he never recover’d the misfortune and blemish of this Imputation. And yet I must profess for my part, being no stranger to what was then alledg’d
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and prov'd on either Party, I do believe him to have been free from any base compliance with the Enemy, or any cowardly declension of what was reasonable to be attempted. So fatal are all misfortunes, and so difficult a thing it is to play an after-Game of Reputation, in that nice and jealous Profession.

THE Inconveniences, and Mischiefs, that resulted to the King from this accident, were greater than were at that time taken notice of; for from this, the Factions in Court, Army, and City (which afterwards grew very troublesome to the King) were dated, and took their original; great Animosities grew between the Officers of the Army; some being thought to have been too passionate, and sollicitous in the prosecution of the Colonel, and too much to have countenanced the rage and fury of Common Soldiers in demanding Justice on their Officer; for from such a kind of Clamour it begun. Others again were as much condemn'd for a palpable avow'd protection of him, thereby to shew their power, that a Person they favour'd, should not suffer; and of both these, some were more Violent than they should have been; which several inclinations equally possess'd the Court, some believing that he was really guilty of Treachery, though not so clearly prov'd; and therefore that, being within the Mercy of the Law, upon another Article, no Mercy ought to be shew'd to him; others as really supposing him Innocent, and therefore thinking it great pity, severely to take the forfeiture, upon such a point, as few Officers of the Army did not know themselves guilty in: These supposing the former too full of rigour, and uncharitableness; and They again accusing the Other of too much lenity, and indulgence; whilst many Gentlemen of Honour, and Quality, whose Fortunes were Embark'd with the King, grew extremely jealous, that the Parliament had corrupted some of the King's Officers with rewards; and that others had power to protect them from punishment, and discovery; and the Soldiers again as much incensed, that their lives must be sacrificed, upon Casual and Accidental Trespases, to the animosity and jealousy of those who run not the same dangers with them.

BUT these Indispositions, and Distempers, were the effects of the exigents of that time (I wish the humours had been impair'd when the times mended) and very many who saw the King's Condition very low in an instant, and believ'd the Rebels to be most flourishing, would look no farther for a reason, than the loss of *Reading*; though they had all still but the Town; which was never intended to be kept. It is most certain, that the King himself was so far from believing the Condition he was in to be tolerable, that, upon the news of the Earl of *Essex's* advance towards *Oxford*, within four
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or five days after the loss of *Reading*, he once resolv'd, and that by the advice of the Chief Officers of his Army, to march away towards the North, to joyn with the Earl of *New-Castle*. And if the Earl of *Essex* had, at that time, but made any shew of moving with his whole Body that way, I do verily perswade my self, *Oxford* it self, and all the other Garrisons of those parts, had been quitted to them; but those fears were quickly compos'd, by an Assurance of the Earl's stay at *Reading*; and that he was not in a posture for a present march, and that his Numbers had been shrewdly less'n'd by the Siege: whereupon the King resolv'd to abide him, and give him Battle about *Oxford*, if he advanced; and, in the mean time, encamped his Foot upon the Down, about a Mile from *Abingdon*; which was the head Quarter for his Horse.

WHEN the Season of the year grew ripe for taking the Field, the Earl of *Essex* found that his too early march had nothing advanced his Affairs; the Soldiers having perform'd so strict duty, and lodging upon the ground, in frost and rain, before *Reading*, had produced great sickness and diseases in his Army, which had wasted abundance of his Men; so that he wanted rather another Winter Quarter to recover, and recruit his Men, than an opportunity to engage them in Action; which he found would be too often administer'd. He sent daily importunities to the Parliament for supplies of all kinds, which they were not enough furnish'd with to satisfy him; new Divisions and Animosities arose There, to perplex their Counsels. Their Triumph upon the taking of *Reading*, which they had celebrated with loud festivity, and made the City believe that all those benefits would attend it, which they knew would be most grateful to them, appear'd now, without any fruit; the King had all his Forces and Army entire, and had only lost a Town that he never meant to keep, and which They knew not what to do with; and was now ready to come into the Field, when Theirs was destitute of health, and all those accommodations, which must enable them to march: and their General, every day reiterated his complaints, and reproach'd them with the unskilful Orders they had sent him, by which, against all the Advice and Arguments he had given them, he was reduced to that extremity.

THE disrespectful, and absurd breaking off the Treaty with the King, was urged by their Commissioners; who thought themselves disobliged by it, and publish'd the King's gracious disposition, and the temper of the Council in *Oxford*, to be different from what the Parliament desired it should be believ'd. They complain'd of Jealousies which had been entertain'd of their Integrity; and the Earl of *Northumberland* having discover'd as is said before, that *Harry Martin* had open'd

open'd a Letter, which he had writ from *Oxford* to his Lady, took him aside, after a conference in the Painted Chamber between the two Houses, and question'd him upon it; and the other giving him some rude Answers in justification of what he had done, the Earl Cudgell'd him in that presence; upon which many Swords were drawn, to the great reproach and scandal of the Parliament.

THESE, and the like Instances of distraction, and confusion, brought the Reputation of that Party low; and made it look'd upon, as like to destroy it self without an Enemy; whilst the King's Party, at that distance, seem'd to be more united, and to have recover'd their Spirits, of which they receiv'd frequent evidence by the News of some of their Quarters being beat up, and many of their Men lost by the unexpected Incursions of the King's Horse; whereof some Parties by Night marches, and unusual Lanes, went often near *London*, and took many Prisoners, who thought themselves secure, in their Houses, and in Journeys they made; who were put to ransom themselves with good Sums of Money; so that, after all those Mountains of promises, and undertakings, the wants were greater, and the City more importuned for Money, and the Parliament visibly more necessitated for want of it, then they had been before; and instead of dispersing the King's Army, and bringing the King back to his Parliament, a suddain direction was given, and a vigorous execution of that direction was begun, to draw a Line about the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and to Fortify it; lest the King's Forces might break in upon them; which made the People suspect the State of their Affairs to be worse than in truth it was; yet so far were they from any thoughts of Peace, and Accommodation, that the House of Commons rag'd more furiously than ever; and every day engaged themselves in conclusions more monstrous, than they had yet enter'd upon. For the supply of the Charge of the War, they propos'd settling and imposing an Excise upon such Commodities as might best bear it; which was a burden the People of *England* had hitherto reproach'd other Nations with, as a Mark of Slavery, and never fear'd by themselves; and for the exercise of the Sovereign Power, they resolv'd it fit to make a new Great Seal, to be always resident with the Houses. But the Lords were not yet arriv'd at that presumption, but plainly refus'd to concur with them in either.

WHILST both Armies lay quiet, the One about *Reading*, the Other about *Abingdon* or *Oxford*, without attempting one upon the Other, or any Action, save some small Enterprises by Parties (in which the King got advantage; as particularly the young Earl of *Northampton* fortunately encounter'd a Party
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of Horse and Foot from *Northampton*, which thought themselves strong enough to attempt upon *Banbury*: But he having Routed their Horse, kill'd above two hundred of their Foot, and took as many more Prisoners, most whereof were shrewdly hurt, the young Earl that day sacrificing to the Memory of his Father) the King receiv'd, from the Earl of *New-Castle*, by a strong Party of Horse, a good and ample supply of Ammunition; the want whereof all Men look'd upon with great Horrour. As soon as this was arriv'd, and the King had heard, that his Armies, both in the North, and West, begun to flourish, and thought himself well provided to encounter the Earl of *Essex*, if he desired it; his Majesty resolv'd once more to try, whether the two Houses would incline to a reasonable Peace; and to that purpose sent a Message to them by an express Servant of his own, in these words:

"SINCE his Majesty's Message of the 12th of *April* (in *The King sends a Message to the two Houses.* May 20.
 "which he conceiv'd he had made such an Overture for the
 "immediate disbanding of all Armies, and composition of
 "those miserable, and present Distractions, by a full and free
 "Convention of Parliament, that a perfect and settled Peace
 "would have ensued) hath in all this time, above a full
 "Month, procur'd no Answer from both Houses, his Majesty
 "might well believe himself absolv'd, both before God, and
 "Man, from the least possible Charge of not having used his
 "utmost endeavours for Peace; yet, when he considers, that
 "the Scene of all this Calamity is in the Bowels of his own
 "Kingdom; that all the blood, which is spilt, is of his own
 "Subjects; and that what Victory soever it shall please
 "God to give him, must be over those who ought not to
 "have lifted up their hands against Him; when he considers
 "that these desperate Civil Dissensions may encourage and
 "invite a Forreign Enemy, to make a Prey of the whole
 "nation; that *Ireland* is in present danger to be totally lost;
 "that the heavy Judgments of God, Plague, Pestilence, and
 "Famine, will be the inevitable attendants of this unnatural
 "Contention: And that in a short time, there will be so ge-
 "neral a habit of Uncharitableness, and Cruelty, contracted
 "through the whole Kingdom, that even Peace it self will
 "not restore his People to their old Temper, and Security;
 "his Majesty cannot but again call for an Answer to that his
 "gracious Message, which gives so fair a rise to end these
 "unnatural distractions. And his Majesty doth this with the
 "more earnestness, because he doubts not the condition of
 "his Armies in several parts; the strength of Horse, Foot,
 "Artillery, his plenty of Ammunition (when some Men
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"lately might conceive he wanted) is so well known, and
 "understood, that it must be confess'd, nothing but the ten-
 "derness, and love to his People, and those Christian im-
 "pressions, which always live, and he hopes always shall
 "dwell in his heart, could move him once more to hazard
 "a refusal. And he requires them, as they will Answer to
 "God, to Himself, and all the World, that they will no
 "longer suffer their fellow Subjects to welter in each others
 "Blood; that they would remember by whose Authority,
 "and to what end they met in that Council, and send such
 "an Answer to his Majesty, as may open a door to let in a
 "firm Peace, and Security to the whole Kingdom. If his
 "Majesty shall again be disappointed of his Intentions there-
 "in, the blood, rapine, and destruction, which may follow
 "in *England*, and *Ireland*, will be cast upon the Account
 "of those who are deaf to the motive of Peace and Ac-
 "commodation.

*The House of
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THIS Message was receiv'd by the House of Peers (to whom it was directed) with all demonstration of respect, and duty, and the Messenger very civilly intended by them; but when they communicated it to the House of Commons, and desired their concurrence in preparing an Address to the King suitable to his gracious Invitations, that House was so far from concurring with them, that they gave immediate Order (which was executed accordingly) for the Apprehension, and Commitment of the Gentleman who brought the Message; and declared, "That they would proceed against
 "him at a Council of War, upon the Order formerly mention'd, made by them when the Treaty was at *Oxford*, "That
 "any Person coming from *Oxford* without their Generals
 "Pass, or one from the Houses, should be punish'd as a Spy;
 to which Orders as the Peers never consented, so the King had never, till this Commitment, notice of it; and Themselves, after the making it, had sent several Messengers to the King, without any formality of Pass or Trumpet.

THE Lords did what they could, publicly and privately, to dissuade this course; but they could not prevail: the House of Commons finding that the very imagination that a Peace might be concluded, infinitely retarded their carrying on the War, and made not only those who were yet free, not easy to be drawn in; but many who were engaged, remiss, and willing to retire; therefore they resolv'd to proceed with that Vigour, and Resolution, that no reasonable Man should believe it possible for the King to gain a Peace but by Subduing Them, which seem'd at least equally impossible. To this purpose, instead of returning any Answer to the King's
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Message within three days after the receiving it, they impeached the Queen of High Treason, "For Assisting the King ^{The Commons im-} her Husband with Arms, and Ammunition, in the profe- ^{peach the} cution of the War against Them; an Attempt as unheard ^{Queen of} of among all the Acts of their Predecessors, and as surprising ^{High Treason.} as any thing they had yet ventured upon: Their Clergy founded their Trumpets louder to War than ever, if it was possible; and they resolv'd, that Assembly of Divines to which they had at the Treaty urg'd the King's consent, should now meet by an Ordinance of their own, with an Addition of some Members of either House to that Number.

THERE had been, some Months before, a design of Prince *Rupert* upon the City of *Bristol*, by correspondence with some of the chief Inhabitants of the City, who were weary of the Tyranny of the Parliament; but it had been so unskilfully, or unhappily carried, that, when the Prince was near the Town, with such a Party of Horse and Foot, as he made choice of; it was discover'd, and many Principal Citizens apprehended by *Nathaniel Fiennes*, Son to the Lord *Say*, and then Governour of that City for the Parliament; at this time, special direction and order was sent thither, "That he should, with all severity, and expedition, proceed against those Conspirators (as they called them) and thereupon, by a Sentence and Judgment of a Council of War, Alderman *Yeomans*, who had been High Sheriff of the City, and of great Reputation in it, and *George Bouchier* another Citizen of principal Account, were (against all Interpositions his Majesty could make) both hanged; and all other imaginable Acts done, to let all the world see that there was no way to Peace but by the Sword.

THERE fell out now an accident at *London*, which gave great advantage to them in the fierce prosecution of the War, ^{A design discover'd,} a discovery of a Plot, which produced a publick thanksgiving, ^{at London} to God for their deliverance, a wonderful Animosity against ^{wherein Mr} the King, and a Covenant, and Union among Themselves, ^{Waller, Mr} and throughout the City a prejudice to all Moderate Men, ^{Tomkins,} who promoted an Accommodation, and a Brand upon all ^{and others} Overtures of Peace as Stratagems upon the City, and the ^{were con-} Parliament. Of this Plot, there being never such a form'd relation made by those who made great use of it, that Men can collect what the design was, or that it was laid with any probable circumstances, by which a success might be expected, I shall briefly, and faithfully set down all that I know, have heard, or can reasonably conjecture to be in it; and it was thought by many, and averr'd by others who I believe did Not think so, "That I knew as much of it as most Men.

THERE was of the House of Commons, one Mr *Waller*, a Gentleman of a very good Fortune and Estate, and of admirable

ble parts, and faculties of Wit and Eloquence, and of an intimate Conversation, and Familiarity with those who had that Reputation. He had, from the beginning of the Parliament, been look'd upon by all Men, as a Person of very entire Affections to the King's Service, and to the establish'd Government of Church and State; and by having no manner of relation to the Court, had the more credit and interest to promote the rights of it. When the ruptures grew so great between the King and the two Houses, that very many of the Members withdrew from those Councils, He, among the rest, with equal dislike absented himself; but at the time the Standard was set up, having intimacy and friendship with some Persons now of nearness about the King, with the King's Approbation, he return'd again to *London*; where he spoke, upon all occasions, with great sharpness, and freedom; which (now there were so few there that used it, and there was no danger of being over Voted) was not restrain'd; and therefore used as an Argument against those, who were gone upon pretence "That they were not suffer'd to declare their opinion freely in the House; which could not be believ'd, when all Men knew, what Liberty Mr *Waller* took, and spoke every day with impunity, against the Sense, and Proceedings of the House. This won him a great Reputation with all People who wish'd well to the King; and he was look'd upon as the boldest Champion the Crown had in both Houses; so that such Lords, and Commons, as really desir'd to prevent the ruin of the Kingdom, willingly complied in a great familiarity with him, as a Man resolute in their ends, and best able to promote them. And it may be they believ'd his Reputation at Court so good, that he would be no ill Evidence There, of other Mens Zeal, and affection; and so all Men spoke their minds freely to him, both of the general distemper, and of the passions, and ambition of particular Persons: All Men knowing him to be of too good a Fortune, and too wary a Nature, to engage himself in designs of danger or hazard.

Mr *WALLER* had a Brother in Law, one Mr *Tomkins*, who had married his Sister, and was Clerk of the Queen's Council, of very good fame for Honesty, and Ability. This Gentleman had good Interest, and Reputation in the City, and conversed much with those who disliked the proceedings of the Parliament, and wish'd to live under the same Government they were born; and from those Citizens receiv'd information of the temper of the People, upon Accidents, in the publick Affairs. And Mr *Waller*, and He, with that confidence that uses to be between Brethren of the same good Affections, frequently imparted their observations, and opinions to each other; the one relating, how many in both Houses
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inclined to peace; and the other making the same judgment upon the correspondence he had, and intelligence he receiv'd from the most substantial Men of *London*; and both of them again communicated what one receiv'd from the other, to the Company they us'd to converse with; Mr *Waller* imparting the wishes, and power of the well affected Party in the City, to the Lords and Gentlemen whom he knew to be of the same mind; and Mr *Tomkins* acquainting those he durst trust of the City, that such and such Lords and Gentlemen, who were of special Note, were weary of the distractions, and would heartily, and confidently contribute to such an honourable, and honest Peace, as all men knew would be most acceptable to the King. And from hence they came reasonably to a conclusion, that if some means were found out to raise a confidence in those who will'd well, that they should not be oppress'd by the extravagant power of the desperate Party; but that if they would so far assist one another, as to declare their opinions to be the same, they should be able to prevent, or suppress those Tumults, which seem'd to countenance the distractions; and the Houses would be induced to Terms of Moderation.

IN this time the Lord *Conway*, being return'd from *Ireland*, incens'd against the *Scots*, and discontented with the Parliament here, finding Mr *Waller* in good esteem with the Earl of *Northumberland*, and of great Friendship with the Earl of *Portland*, he enter'd into the same familiarity; and, being more of a Soldier, in the discourses administer'd questions, and considerations, necessary to be understood by Men that either meant to Use force, or to Resist it; and wish'd "That they who had Interest, and Acquaintance in the City, "would endeavour by a mutual correspondence to inform "themselves of the distinct Affections of their Neighbours, "that, upon any exigent, Men might foresee whom they might "trust; and these discourses being again deriv'd by Mr *Waller* to Mr *Tomkins*, He, upon occasion, and conference with his Companions, insist'd on the same Arguments; and they again conversing with their Friends, and Acquaintance (for of all this business, there were not above three who ever spok'd together) agreed, "That some well affected Persons, in every "Parish, and Ward, about *London*, should make a list of all "the Inhabitants; and thereupon to make a reasonable guess "of their several Affections (which at that time was no hard thing for observing Men to do) and thence a computation of the Strength; and Power of that Party, which was notoriously violent against any Accommodation.

I AM perswaded the utmost project in this Design was (I speak not what particular Men might intend, or wish upon

their own fancies) to beget such a Combination among the Party well affected, that they would refuse to conform to those Ordinances of the twentieth part, and other Taxes for the support of the War; and thereby, or by joyn't Petitioning for Peace, and discountenancing the other who Petition'd against it, to prevail with the Parliament to incline to a determination of the War. And it may be, some Men might think of making advantage of any Casual Commotion, or preventing any mischief by it; and thereupon that enquiry where the Magazines lay, and discourse of wearing some distinguishing tokens, had been rather casually mention'd, than seriously propos'd. For it is certain, very many who were Conscious to themselves of Loyal Purposes to the King, and of Hearty dislike of the Parliament's Proceedings, and observ'd the violent, revengeful, ruining prosecution of all Men, by those of the engaged Party, were not without sad apprehensions that, upon some Jealousy, and Quarrel pick'd, even a general Massacre might be attempted of all the King's Friends; and thereupon, in several discourses, might touch upon such expedients, as might in those Seasons be most beneficial to their safety. But that there was ever any form'd design, either of letting in the King's Army into *London*, which was impossible to be contriv'd; or of raising an Army there, and surprising the Parliament, or any one Person of it, or of using any violence, in, or upon the City, I could never yet see cause to believe; and if there had, they would have publish'd such a relation of it, after Mr *Waller* had confess'd to them, all he knew, had heard, or fancied to himself, as might have constituted some reasonable understanding of it; and not have contented themselves with making conclusions from Questions that had been asked, and Answers, made by Persons unknown, and forcing expressions used by one, to relate to actions of another, between whom there had been never the least acquaintance, or correspondence; and joyning what was said at *London* to somewhat done at *Oxford*, at another time, and to another purpose: for before I finish this discourse, it will be necessary to speak of another Action, which, how distinct soever from this that is related, was woven together to make one Plot.

FROM the King's coming to *Oxford*, many Citizens of good Quality, who were prosecuted, or jealously look'd upon in *London*, had resorted to the King, and hoping, if the Winter produced not a Peace, that the Summer would carry the King before that City with an Army, they had entertain'd some discourse "Of raising, upon their own Stocks of Money and Credit, some Regiments of Foot, and Horse, and joyning with some Gentlemen of *Kent*, who were likewise in-

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“clined to such an undertaking: Among these was *Sr Nicholas Crisp*, a Citizen of good Wealth, great Trade, and an “active Spirited Man, who had been lately prosecuted with great severity by the House of Commons; and had thereupon fled from *London*, for appearing too great a Stickler in a Petition for Peace in the City. This Gentleman industriously preserv’d a correspondence still there, by which he gave the King often very useful Intelligence, and assured him “Of a “very considerable Party, which would appear there for him, “when ever his own Power should be so near as to give “them any Countenance. In the end, whether invited by his Correspondents there, or trusting his own sprightly inclinations and resolutions too much, and concluding that all who were equally Honest, would be equally Bold, he desir’d his Majesty, “To grant a Commission to such Persons, whom He “would nominate, of the City of *London*, under the Great “Seal of *England*, in the nature of a Commission of Array, “by virtue whereof, when the Season should come, his Party “there would appear in discipline, and order; and that this “was desir’d by those, who best knew what Countenance and “Authority was requisite; and being trusted to them would “not be executed at all, or else at such a time as his Majesty “should receive ample fruit by it; provided it were done with “secrecy, equal to the hazard they should run who were “employ’d in it.

THE King had this exception to it, “The improbability “that it could do good, and that the failing might do hurt to “the Undertakers. But the Promoter was a very Popular Man in the City, where he had been a Commander of the Train’d-bands, till the Ordinance of the Militia remov’d him; which rather improv’d, than lessen’d, his Credit; and he was very confident, it would produce a notable advantage to the King: however, They desir’d it who were there, and would not appear without it; and therefore the King consented to it; referring the nomination of all Persons in the Commission to him; who, he verily believ’d, had proceeded by the Instruction and Advice of those that were nearest the concernment; and for the secrecy of it, the King referr’d the preparing, and dispatch of the Commission to *Sr Nicholas Crisp* himself, who should acquaint no more with it, than he found requisite; so without the privity, or advice of any Counsellor, or Minister of State then most trusted by his Majesty, he procured such a Commission as he desir’d (being no other than the Commission of Array in *English*) to be sign’d by the King, and seal’d with the Great Seal.

THIS being done, and remaining still in his Custody, the Lady *Aubigney*, by a Pass, and with the consent of the Houses,

came to *Oxford* to tranſact the Affairs of her own Fortune with the King upon the death of her Husband, who was kill'd at *Edge-hill*; and ſhe having in few days diſpatch'd her buſineſs there, and being ready to return, *Sr Nicholas Criff* came to the King, and beſought him, "To deſire that Lady (who had a Paſs, and ſo could promiſe her ſelf ſafety in her Journey) "to carry a ſmall Box (in which that Commiſſion ſhould be) "with her, and to keep it in her own Cuſtody, until a "Gentleman ſhould call to her Ladyſhip for it, by ſuch a "token; that token, he ſaid, "He could ſend to one of the "Perſons truſted, who ſhould keep it by him, till the opportunity came, in which it might be executed. The King accordingly wiſh'd the Lady *Aubigny*, to carry it with great care and ſecrecy; telling her, "It much concern'd his own "Service; and to deliver it in ſuch manner, and upon ſuch Assurance, as is before mention'd: which ſhe did; and, within few days after her return to *London*, deliver'd it to a Perſon, who was appointed to call for it. How this Commiſſion was diſcover'd, I could never learn: for though *Mr Waller* had the Honour to be admitted often to that Lady, and was believ'd by Her to be a Gentleman of moſt entire Affections to the King's Service, and conſequently might be fitly truſted with what ſhe knew, yet her Ladyſhip her ſelf, not knowing what it was ſhe carried, could not inform any Body elſe.

BUT about this time, a Servant of *Mr Tomkins*, who had often curſorily over heard his Maſter and *Mr Waller* diſcourſe of the Argument We are now upon, placed himſelf behind a hanging, at a time they were together; and there, whiſt either of them diſcourſed the language, and, opinion of the Company they kept, over heard enough to make him believe his Information, and Diſcovery, would make him welcome to thoſe whom he thought concern'd; and ſo went to *Mr Pym*, and acquainted him with all he had heard, or probably imagin'd. The time when *Mr Pym* was made acquainted with it, is not known; but the circumſtances of the publiſhing it were ſuch, as fill'd all Men with Apprehenſions. It was on *Wednesday* the 31^{ſt} of *May*, their ſolemn Faſt-day, when, being all at their Sermon, in *Sr Margaret's Church* in *Weſtminſter*, according to their cuſtom, a Letter or Meſſage is brought privately to *Mr Pym*; who thereupon, with ſome of the moſt active Members, riſe from their Seats; and, after a little whiſpering together, remove out of the Church: This could not but exceedingly affect thoſe who ſtay'd behind; immediately they ſend Guards to all the Priſons, as *Lambeth-Houſe*, *Ely-Houſe*, and ſuch places, where their Malignants were in Cuſtody, with directions "To ſearch the Priſoners; and ſome other places which they thought fit ſhould be ſuſpected. After
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the Sermons were ended, the Houses met; and were only then told, "That Letters were intercepted going to the King "and the Court at *Oxford*, that express'd some notable Con- "spiracy in hand, to deliver up the Parliament, and the City "into the hands of the Cavaliers; and that the time for the "execution of it, drew very near. Hereupon a Committee was appointed "To examine all Persons they thought fit; "and to apprehend some nominated at that time. And the same Night, this Committee apprehended Mr *Waller*, and Mr *Tomkins*; and, the next day, such others as they suspected.

Mr *WALLER* was so confounded with Fear, and Apprehension, that he confess'd whatever he had said, heard, thought, or seen; all that he knew of himself, and all that he suspected of others; without concealing any Person of what Degree, or Quality soever, or any discourse that he had ever, upon any occasion, entertain'd with them: What such and such Ladies of great Honour, to whom, upon the Credit of his great Wit, and very good Reputation, he had been admitted, had spoke to him in their Chambers of the proceedings in the Houses; and how they had encouraged him to oppose them; what correspondence, and intercourse they had, with some Ministers of State at *Oxford*; and how they deriv'd all Intelligence thither. He inform'd them, "That the Earl of *Portland*, and the Lord *Conway*, had been particular in all the "agitations which had been with the Citizens; and had given "frequent Advice, and Directions, how they should demean "themselves; and that the Earl of *Northumberland*, had express'd very good wilhes to any attempt, that might give a "stop to the Violent Actions, and Proceedings of the Houses, "and produce a good Understanding with the King.

WHEN the Committee were thus furnish'd, they took the examinations of Mr *Tomkins*, and such other as they thought necessary, and having at the same time, by some other means, discover'd (or conceal'd it till this time) that Commission which is before discours'd of, and gotten the very Original into their hands, they kneaded both into one Plot, and Conspiracy; and, acquainting the Houses with so much as they thought yet seasonable to publish, they declar'd (without naming any Lords, or other Persons, to be interested in the design, save those only who were imprison'd; among whom the Lady *Aubigny* was one: and without communicating any of the examinations, which, they pretended, were not to be common till the Conspirators were brought to Tryal) "That "the Original of this Conspiracy was from the late *London* "Petition for Peace, which was spoken of about *Christmas* last in the Book Precedent; "And that, under pretence of "Peace and Moderation, a Party was to be form'd, which

“ should be able to suppress all opponents, and to awe the Parliament : That, to this purpose, some of those who were the principal Movers, and Fomenters of that Petition, did continue, in the Nature of a Committee, still to carry on the design : That they held Intelligence in both Armies, Court, and Parliament ; took a general Survey of the Numbers, and Affections of the several Inhabitants throughout the Wards, and Parishes of the City, and places adjacent ; and distinguish’d all under the titles of Men affected, or averse to the King ; or indifferent, and Neutral Persons, carried only by the success, and power of the Prevailers ; That they were well instructed in the Number, and inclinations of the Train’d-bands of *London* ; the places where the Magazines were kept ; where the Commanders for the Parliament dwelt ; had thought of places for Rendezvous, and Retreat, upon any occasion, and of Colours, and Marks of distinction between the different Parties.

“ THAT Mr *Waller* and Mr *Tomkins* were the Principal Persons employ’d, and trusted to give advertisement to, and correspond with, the King’s Ministers at *Oxford* ; and receive Advertisements and Commands from thence, for the completing the work ; that they Two held constant Intelligence, and Intercourse with the Lord *Falkland* then Principal Secretary to the King ; and that, from Him, they receiv’d the signification of the King’s pleasure ; and that those Directions, Counsels, and Encouragements, had been principally sent by those Messengers which had been employ’d by his Majesty to the Parliament, under the pretence of Peace ; and, especially, by Mr *Alexander Hamden* ; who came with the last Message, and was a Cousin-german to Mr *Waller*. That the Lady *Aubigny*, who had been lately at *Oxford*, had brought thence a Commission to them from the King, by force of Arms to destroy, kill, and slay the Forces, raised by the Parliament and their Adherents, as Traytors and Rebels ; and that they had lately sent a Message to *Oxford* by one *Hassel*, a Servant of the King’s to acquaint the Lord *Falkland*, that the design was come to a good perfection ; unto which, Answer was return’d, that they should hasten it with all speed :

“ THAT the particulars of the Design appear’d to be :
 “ 1. To seise into their Custody the King’s Children : 2. To seise several Members of both Houses, the Lord Mayor, and Committee of the Militia, under pretence of bringing them to a legal Tryal. 3. To seise upon the Out-works, Forts, Tower of *London*, Magazines, Gates, and other places of importance in the City. 4. To let in the King’s Forces to surprize the City, and to destroy all those who
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“should oppose them by Authority of the Parliament. 5. By
“force of Arms to resist all payments imposed by Authority
“of Parliament, raised for the support of the Armies em-
“ploy’d for their just defence, &c. to suspend if not alter the
“whole Government of the City, and, with Assistance of the
“King’s Force, to awe, and master the Parliament.

WHEN both Houses were awaken’d, and startled with this
report, the first thing agreed on, was, “A day of Thanksgiving
“to God, for this wonderful delivery; which shut out any
“future doubts, and disquisitions, whether there had been any
“such delivery; and, consequently, whether their Plot was in
“truth, or had been so framed. Then it was said, “That as
“the design was the most desperate, so the carriage was the
“most subtle, and among Persons of Reputation, and not sus-
“pected; and that there was reason to suspect, many Mem-
“bers of both Houses were privy to it; and therefore there
“ought to be all possible care taken to make the discovery
“perfect, and to unite themselves for the publick defence:
“that if any part were left undiscover’d, it might prove fatal
“to the Common-wealth. This finding a full consent, it
was propounded, “That a Protestation might be drawn up, by
“which every Member of the two Houses might purge him-
“self from any guilt of, or privy in, that Conspiracy; and
“likewise oblige himself to resist, and oppose any such Com-
“bination. They who were under the Character of Mo-
derate Men, and usually advanced all motions of Peace, and
Accommodation, durst not oppose the Expedient, lest they
should be concluded guilty; most of them having had fami-
liarity with Mr Waller, and, no doubt, upon sundry occasions,
spoken with that freedom to him, as might very well incur a
severe interpretation, if, upon this occasion, what they had
said should be scann’d. And so, before the rising, there was
framed by the House of Commons, a Vow and Covenant to
be taken by the Members of both Houses, and afterwards by
the City, and their Army; for their Jealousy was now spread
over all their own Quarters; which Covenant, for the rare-
ness of it both in Title and Style, I think necessary here to
insert in the very terms; which were these:

*A Vow and
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taken by the
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*A Sacred Vow, and Covenant, taken by the Lords and Com-
mons assembled in Parliament, upon the discovery of the
late horrid and treacherous Design, for the destruction of
this Parliament and the Kingdom: the 6th of June 1643.*

“WHEREAS there hath been, and now is, in this King-
“dom, a Popish, and Trayterous Plot for the Subversion of
“the true Protestant Reform’d Religion, and the Liberty of
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"the Subject; and, in pursuance thereof, a Popish Army hath
 "been raised, and is now on foot in divers parts of this
 "Kingdom; and whereas there hath been a treacherous and
 "horrid design, lately discover'd by the great Blessing and espe-
 "cial Providence of God, of divers Persons to joyn them-
 "selves with the Armies raised by the King, and to destroy
 "the Forces raised by the Lords and Commons in Parlia-
 "ment to surprize the Cities of *London* and *Westminster* with
 "the Suburbs; by Arms to force the Parliament; and find-
 "ing by constant experience, that many ways of force, and
 "treachery, are continually attempted, to bring to utter ruin
 "and destruction the Parliament, and Kingdom; and that
 "which is dearest, the true Protestant Religion: And that,
 "for the preventing and withstanding the same, it is fit, that
 "all, who are true hearted, and lovers of their Country,
 "should bind themselves each to other in a sacred Vow and
 "Covenant:

"I *A. B.* in humility, and reverence of the Divine Majesty,
 "declare my hearty sorrow for my own Sins, and the Sins
 "of this Nation, which have deserv'd the Calamities, and
 "Judgments, that now lie upon it; and my true intention is,
 "by God's grace, to endeavour the amendment of my own
 "ways; and I do farther, in the presence of Almighty God,
 "Declare, Vow, and Covenant, that, in Order to the security
 "and preservation of the true Reform'd Protestant Religion,
 "and Liberty of the Subject, I will not consent to the laying
 "down of Arms, so long as the Papists, now in open War
 "against the Parliament, shall by force of Arms be protected
 "from the Justice thereof. And that I do abhor and detest
 "the said wicked, and treacherous design, lately discover'd:
 "And that I never gave, nor will give my Assent to the exe-
 "cution thereof, but will, according to my Power, and Voca-
 "tion, oppose and resist the same, and all other of the like Na-
 "ture. And in case any other like design shall hereafter come
 "to my knowledge, I will make such timely discovery, as I
 "shall conceive may best conduce to the preventing thereof.
 "And whereas I do in my Conscience believe, that the Forces,
 "raised by the two Houses of Parliament, are raised and con-
 "tinued for their just Defence, and for the Defence of the
 "true Protestant Religion, and Liberty of the Subject, against
 "the Forces raised by the King; that I will, according to my
 "Power, and Vocation, assist the Forces raised and continued,
 "by both Houses of Parliament, against the Forces raised by
 "the King without their consent: And will likewise assist all
 "other Persons that shall take this Oath, in what they shall do
 "in pursuance thereof; and will not directly, or indirectly,
 "adhere

“adhere unto, nor shall willingly assist the Forces raised by the King, without the Consent of both Houses of Parliament. And this Vow, and Covenant, I make in the presence of Almighty God, the Searcher of all Hearts, with a true intention to perform the same, as I shall answer at the great day, when the secrets of all Hearts shall be disclosed.

THOUGH many were much startled at this Covenant, and took time to consider of it, there being in the Preamble, and positive part, much which very few believ'd, and in the promissory part a more direct denouncing War against the King, than had been in plain terms before avow'd by them, and an absolute Protestation against Peace, till the King was at their Mercy; yet the fear of being concluded guilty of the Plot, made them swallow all the rest; and the example of one prevailing with many, there was not a Member of either House that took it not; and being thus fetter'd, and intangled themselves, they sent their Committee into the City, to acquaint them with their “Happy discovery, and how miraculously “God had preserv'd them, and to engage them in the same “sacred Vow, and Covenant; which was readily submitted to; *The same* and, by the Industry of their Clergy, sooner than can be imagin'd, taken throughout that People. Then it was, with equal *Vow and* diligence, and solemnity, transmitted to their Army, that their *Covenant* Fears of inconvenience from thence might be likewise purged; *taken* and thence it grew the mark of distinction, to know their *throughout* Friends and Enemies by; and whosoever refused to take that *the City, and* Covenant, needed no other Charge to be concluded, and prosecuted, as the highest Malignant. *Army.*

BEING this way secure from any future Clamours for Peace, they proceeded to try Mr Tomkins; Mr Chaloner, a Citizen of *The Tryal* good Wealth and Credit, and most intimate with Tomkins; *and Execution of Mr* Mr Hambden, who brought the last Message from the King; *Tomkins,* one Hassel a Messenger of the King's, who pass'd often between *and Mr* London and Oxford, and sometimes carried Letters and *Chaloner.* Messages to the Lord Falkland; and some Citizens, whose names were in the Commission sent from Oxford; by a Council of War; by whom Mr Tomkins, and Mr Chaloner were Condemn'd to be hanged; and were both, with all circumstances of severity, and cruelty, Executed: the One, on a Gibbet, by his own House in Holborn; where he had long liv'd with singular estimation; and the Other, by his House in Cornhill, near the Old Exchange. Hassel the Messenger saved them farther trouble, and dy'd in Prison the night before his Tryal: And there being no evidence against Mr Hambden, but what Mr Waller himself gave, they gave no judgment against him, but kept him long after in Prison, till he dy'd; neither proceeded

proceeded they Capitally against those Citizens whose names were in the Commission, it not appearing that their names were used with their consent, and privity; though the brand of being Malignants serv'd the turn for their undoing; for all their Estates were seised, as theirs were who had been Executed.

THERE is nothing clearer than that the Commission sent from *Oxford* by the Lady *Aubigney*, had not any relation to the discourses pass'd between Mr *Waller*, *Tomkins*, and those Citizens, or that they who knew of one, had not any privity with the other: which if they had Had, and intended such an Insurrection, as was alledg'd, Mr *Waller*, and Mr *Tomkins*, or some one of those Lords who were supposed to combine with them, would have been in the Commission. Or if the King's Ministers had been engaged in the consultation, and hoped to have raised a Party which should suddenly seise upon the City, and the Parliament, they would never have thought a Commission granted to some Gentlemen at *Oxford* (for the Major part of the Commissioners were there) and a few private Citizens, would have serv'd for that work. I am very confident, and I have very much reason for that confidence, that there was no more known, or thought of at *Oxford*, concerning the matter of the Commission, than I have before set forth, nor of the other, than that Mr *Tomkins* sometimes writ to the Lord *Falkland* (for Mr *Waller*, out of the cautiousness of his own Nature, never writ word) and by Messengers signified to him, "That the Number of those who desired Peace, and abhor'd the proceedings of the Houses, was very considerable; and that they resolv'd, by refusing, to contribute to the War, and to submit to their Ordinances, to declare and manifest themselves in that manner, that the Violent Party in the City should not have credit enough to hinder any Accommodation. And the Lord *Falkland* always return'd Answer, "That they should expedite those Expedients, as soon as might be, for that delays made the War more difficult to be restrain'd. And if I could find Evidence, or Reason, to induce me to believe, that there was any farther design in the thing it self, or that the King gave farther countenance to it, I should not at all conceal it. No Man can imagine, that if the King could have entertain'd any probable hope of reducing *London*, which was the Fomenter, Supporter, and indeed the Life of the War, or could have found any expedient, from whence he could reasonably propose to dissolve, scatter, and disperse those who, under the name of a Parliament, had kindled a War against him, but he would have given his utmost assistance, and countenance thereunto, either by publick Force, or private Contrivance.

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THERE were very great endeavours used, to have proceeded with equal severity against the Earl of *Portland*, and the Lord *Conway* (for the accusation of the Earl of *Northumberland*, it was proceeded tenderly in; for though the Violent Party was heartily incensed against him, as a Man weary of them, yet his Reputation was still very great) who were both close Prisoners; and, to that purpose, their Lordships and Mr *Waller* were confronted before the Committee, where They as peremptorily denying, as He charging them, and there being no other Witness but He against them, the prosecution was rather let alone than declined, till after a long restraint they procured enlargement upon Bail. Mr *Waller* himself (though confessedly the most guilty; and by his unhappy demeanour, in this time of his Affliction, he had raised as many Enemies as he had formerly Friends, and almost the same) after he had, with incredible dissimulation, acted such a remorse of Conscience, that his Tryal was put off out of Christian compassion, till he might recover his understanding (and that was not, till the heat, and fury of the Prosecutors, was reasonably abated with the Sacrifices they had made) and, by drawing Visitants to himself, of the most powerful Ministers of all Factions, had, by his liberality, and penitence, his receiving vulgar and vile sayings from them with humility, and reverence, as clearer Convictions and Informations than in his Life he had ever had; and distributing great Sums to them for their Prayers, and Ghostly Counsel; so satisfied Them, that They satisfied others; was brought, at his suit, to the House of Commons Bar; where (being a Man in truth very powerful in Language; and who, by What he spoke, and in the manner of speaking it, exceedingly captivated the good Will and Benevolence of his Hearers; which is the highest part of an Oratour) with such flattery, as was most exactly calculated to that Meridian, with such a Submission, as Their Pride took delight in, and such dejection of mind, and spirit, as was like to couse the Major part, and be thought serious; he laid before them "Their own danger, and concernment; if they should suffer one of their own Body, how unworthy and monstrous soever, to be tryed by the Soldiers, who might thereby grow to that power hereafter, that they would both try those, They would not be willing should be tryed, and for things which they would account no Crimes; the inconvenience, and insupportable mischief whereof, all wise Common-wealths had foreseen, and prevented, by exempting their own Members from all judgments but their own: He prevailed, Not to be tryed by a Council of War; and thereby preserv'd his dear bought Life; so that, in truth, he does as much owe the keeping his head
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to that Oration, as *Catiline* did the Loss of His to those of *Tully*: and by having done Ill very well, he, by degrees, drew that respect to his parts, which always carries some compassion to the Person, that he got leave to compound for his transgression, and them to accept of ten thousand pounds (which their Affairs wanted) for his liberty; whereupon he had leave to recollect himself in another Country (for his Liberty was to be in Banishment) how miserable he had made himself, in obtaining that leave to live out of his own. And there cannot be a greater Evidence of the inestimable Value of his Parts, than that he liv'd, after this, in the good Affection, and Esteem of many, the pity of most, and the reproach, and scorn of few, or none.

THESE high proceedings, at *London*, and in the Houses, were not seconded with any notable success abroad; but it appear'd plainly, by the slow coming in of Monies, and more slow coming in of Men, that the hearts of the People were generally more devoted to Peace, than to the continuance of those distractions; and the Earl of *Essex*, by the great decay, and sickness of his Army, was not, in near six weeks, able to remove from *Reading*; by which many Men concluded, which could not be reasonably foreseen, that if *Reading* had held out many days longer, he would have been compell'd to raise his Siege; and that was the reason the Earl gave for granting so good conditions; for if he could have stayed longer before it, he well knew, they must have yielded on worse terms; neither feared he the King would be able to relieve it. In the end, there being no other way to quiet the City of *London*, he march'd towards *Oxford*; but, in truth, rather to secure *Buckingham-shire*, which was now infested by the King's Horse, than to disquiet that place. And to that purpose, he fixed his head Quarter at *Thame*, ten Miles from *Oxford*, and upon the very edge of the other County.

The Earl of
Essex
marches to
Thame.

IN the beginning of the War, the Army in *Scotland* having been lately disbanded, many Officers of that Nation, who had serv'd in *Germany* and in *France*, betook themselves to the Service of the Parliament; whereof divers were Men of good Conduct, and Courage; though there were more as bad as the Cause in which they engaged. Of the former fort Colonel *Hurry* was a Man of Name, and Reputation, and an excellent Officer of Horse, and had Commanded those Horse at *Edge-hill* under *Balfour*, which had preserv'd their Army there; and finding himself afterwards not so well regarded, as he thought, he had deserv'd, as it was no easy thing to value that People at the rate they did set upon themselves; and being without any other Affection for their Service, than their Pay inclined him to, he resolv'd to quit them, and to go

to the King; in order to which, he had kept some correspondence with the Earl of *Brainford* the King's General; under whose Command he had formerly serv'd in *Germany*. Whilst the Earl of *Essex* remain'd at *Thame*, and his Army Quarter'd thereabout, *Hurry* came to *Oxford*, in the Equipage that became a Colonel of Horse, who had receiv'd good Pay; and the very next day after he came, having been very graciously receiv'd by the King, to give proof that he brought his whole heart with him, he went to Prince *Rupert*, acquainted him where the Parliament Horse lay, and how loose they were in their Quarters; and to give a testimony of his fidelity to the King, he desir'd to march a Voluntier with a good Party, to make an attempt upon the Enemy; and the Prince assigning a strong Party for the Service, he accompanied, and conducted them out of the Common Road, till they came to a Town; where a Regiment of the Parliament's Horse was Quarter'd; which they beat up; and kill'd, or took most of the Officers and Soldiers; and then fell upon those other Quarters, by which they had pass'd before, with the like success; so return'd to *Oxford* with many Prisoners, and with notable damage to the Enemy.

As soon as he return'd, he made another Proposition to the Prince for the Attacking the Quarters near *Thame*; through which he had pass'd, when he came to *Oxford*, and so was well acquainted with the posture in which they were, and assured the Prince, "That, if he went about it time enough, before there should be any alteration in their Quarters, which he believ'd the General would quickly make, the Enterprize would be worthy of it. The Prince was so well satisfied with what he had already done, that he resolv'd to conduct the next adventure himself, which he did very fortunately. They went out of the Ports of *Oxford* in the Evening upon a *Saturday*, and march'd beyond all the Quarters as far as *Wickham*, and fell in there at the farther end of the Town towards *London*, from whence no Enemy was expected, and so no Guards were kept There. A Regiment of Horse, and of Foot, were Lodged there; which were cut off, or taken Prisoners; and all the Horses and a good Booty brought away. From thence they march'd backward to another Quarter, within less than two Miles of the General's own Quarters; where his Men Lodged with the same security, they had done at *Wickham*, not expecting any Enemy that way; and so met with the same fate the others had done; and were all kill'd, or made Prisoners. Thus having perform'd, at least as much as they had propos'd to do, and being laden with Prisoners, and Booty, and the Sun being now rising, the Prince thought it time to retire to *Oxford*, and

Prince Rupert beats up some of his Quarters with good success.

and gave Orders to march accordingly with all convenient speed, till they should come to a Bridge, which was yet two Miles from them, where he had appointed a Guard to attend, to favour their Retreat.

BUT the Alarm had been brought to the Earl of *Essex*, from all the Quarters, who quickly gathered those Troops together, which were nearest; and directed those to follow the Prince, and to entertain him in Skirmishes, till Himself should come up with the Foot, and some other Troops; which he made all possible haste to do. So that when the Prince had almost pass'd a fair Plain, or Field, call'd *Chalgrave* Field, from whence he was to enter a Lane, which continued to the Bridge; the Enemies Horse were discover'd marching after them with speed; and as they might easily overtake them in the Lane, so they must as easily have put them into great disorder. Therefore the Prince resolv'd to expect, and stand them upon the open Field, though his Horse were all tired, and the Sun was grown very hot, it being about eight of the Clock in the Morning in *June*. He then directed, "That the Guard of the Prisoners should make what haste they could to the Bridge, but that all the rest should return; for some were enter'd the Lane: and so he placed himself and his Troops, as he thought fit, in that Field to receive the Enemy; which made more haste, and with less order than they should have done; and being more in Number than the Prince, and consisting of many of the Principal Officers, who having been present with the Earl of *Essex*, when the Alarm came, stay'd not for their own Troops, but joyn'd with those who were ready in the pursuit, as They thought, of a Flying Enemy, or such as would easily be arrested in their hasty retreat; and having now overtaken them, meant to take revenge themselves for the damage they had receiv'd that Night, and Morning, before the General could come up to have a share in the Victory, though his Troops were even in View. But the Prince entertain'd them so roughly, that though they Charged very bravely and obstinately, being many of their best Officers, of which the chiefeft falling, the rest shew'd less Vigour, in a short time they broke, and fled; and were pursued till they came near the Earl of *Essex*'s Body; which being at near a miles distance, and making a stand to receive their Flying Troops, and to be inform'd of their disaster, the Prince with his Troops hasten'd his retreat, and pass'd the Lane, and came safe to the Bridge before any of the Earl's Forces came up; who found it then to no purpose to go farther, there being a good Guard of Foot, which had likewise lined both sides of the Hedges a good way in the Lane. Thus the Prince, about Noon, or shortly after,

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enter'd *Oxford*, with near two hundred Prisoners, seven Cornets of Horse, and four Ensigns of Foot, with most of the Men he carried from thence; few only having been kill'd in the Action, whereof some were of Name.

THE Prince presented Colonel *Harry* to the King with a great Testimony of the Courage he had shew'd in the Action, as well as of his Counsel, and Conduct in the whole; which was indeed very dexterous, and could have been perform'd by no Man, who had not been very conversant in the Quarters of those he destroyed. Upon which, the King honour'd him with Knighthood, and a Commission to raise a Regiment of Horse; and every body magnified, and extolled him, as they usually do a Man who hath good luck, and the more, because he was a *Scotch*-man, and profess'd a Repentance for having been in Rebellion against the King, he deserves this Testimony and Vindication to be given him, against the calumnies which were raised against him, "As if he had broken his Trust, and deserted the Service of the Parliament, and betrayed them to the King, which is not true. He had own'd, and publish'd his discontents long before, and demanded redress, and justice, in some particulars from the Parliament, in which the Earl of *Essex* thought he had reason; and wish'd he might receive satisfaction. But the Man was in his nature proud, and imperious; had raised many Enemies; was a Man of License, and committed many disorders of that kind. He was however a good Officer in the Field; regular and vigilant in marching, and in his Quarters; which the Parliament thought other Men would attain to, who had fewer Vices; and therefore granted nothing that he had desired; upon which he declared, "He would serve them no longer; and deliver'd up his Commission to the Earl of *Essex*; and being then press'd to promise, that he would not serve the King; he positively refused to give any such Engagement; and after he had stay'd in *London* about a Month, and had receiv'd encouragement from some Friends in *Oxford*, he came thither in the manner set down before.

THE Prince's success in this last march was very seasonable, and raised the Spirits at *Oxford* very much, and for some time allayed the Jealousies, and Animosities, which too often broke out in several Factions to the disquiet of the King. It was visibly great in the number of the Prisoners; whereof many were of condition, and the names of many Officers were known, who were left dead upon the Field, as Colonel *Gunter*, who was look'd upon as the best Officer of Horse they had, and a man of known malice to the Government of the Church; which had drawn some severe censure upon him before the Troubles, and for which he had still meditated Re-

venge. One of the Prisoners taken in the Action, said, "That he was confident Mr *Hambden* was hurt, for he saw him ride off the Field before the Action was done, which he never used to do, with his head hanging down, and resting his hands upon the neck of his Horse; by which he concluded he was hurt. The news the next day made the Victory much more important, than it was thought to have been. There was full information brought of the great loss the Enemy had sustain'd in their Quarters, by which three or four Regiments were utterly broken and lost, the names of many Officers, of the best account, were known, who were either kill'd upon the place, or so hurt as there remain'd little hope of their recovery.

AMONG the Prisoners, there were taken Colonel *Sheffield*, a younger Son of the Earl of *Mulgrave*, and one Colonel *Beckley* a Scotch-man; who, being both visibly wounded, acted their hurts so well, and pretended to be so ready to expire, that upon their Paroles neither to endeavour nor endure a rescue, they were suffer'd to rest at a private House in the way, within a mile of the Field, till their Wounds should be dress'd, and they recover so much strength as to be able to render themselves Prisoners at *Oxford*. But the King's Forces were no sooner gone, than they found means to send to their Comrades, and were the next day strong enough, to suffer themselves to be removed to *Thame*, by a strong Party sent from the Earl of *Essex*; and, between denying that they had promised, and saying, that they would perform it, they never submitted themselves to be Prisoners, as much against the Law of Arms, as their taking Arms was against their Allegiance. But that which would have been look'd upon as a considerable recompence for a Defeat, could not but be thought a great addition to the Victory, which was the death of Mr *Hambden*; who, being shot into the shoulder with a brace of Bullets, which brake the Bone, within three Weeks after, died with extraordinary pain; to as great a consternation of all that Party, as if their whole Army had been defeated, or cut off.

Mr Hambden wound-
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MANY Men observ'd (as upon signal turns of great Affairs, as this was, such observations are frequently made) that the Field in which the late Skirmish was, and upon which Mr *Hambden* receiv'd his death's wound, *Chalgrave* Field, was the same place in which he had first executed the Ordinance of the Militia, and engaged that County, in which his Reputation was very great, in this Rebellion: and it was confess'd by the Prisoners that were taken that day, and acknowledged by all, that upon the Alarm that Morning, after their Quarters were beaten up, he was exceeding solicitous to draw Forces together to pursue the Enemy; and, being a Colonel of

of Foot, put himself among those Horse as a Volontier, who were first ready; and that when the Prince made a stand, all the Officers were of opinion to stay till their Body came up, and He alone (being second to None but the General himself in the observance, and application of all Men) perswaded, and prevailed with them to advance; so violently did his fate carry him, to pay the Mulct in the place where he had committed the Transgression, about a year before.

Hz was a Gentleman of a good Family in *Buckingham-shire*, and born to a fair Fortune, and of a most civil and affable deportment. In his entrance into the world, he indulged to himself all the License in Sports and Exercises, and Company, which were used by Men of the most Jolly Conversation. Afterwards, he retired to a more reserv'd, and Melancholy Society, yet preserving his own natural Chearfulness, and Vivacity, and above all, a flowing courtesy to all Men; though they who conversed nearly with him, found him growing into a dislike of the Ecclesiastical Government of the Church, yet most believ'd it rather a dislike of some Church-men, and of some introducements of theirs, which he apprehended might disquiet the publick Peace. He was rather of Reputation in his own Country, than of publick discourse, or fame in the Kingdom, before the business of Ship-money: but Then he grew the Argument of all Tongues, every Man enquiring who, and what He was, that durst, at his own charge, support the Liberty, and Property of the Kingdom, and rescue his Country, as he thought, from being made a Prey to the Court. His carriage, throughout this Agitation, was with that rare temper and modesty, that they who watch'd him narrowly to find some advantage against his Person, to make him less resolute in his Cause, were compell'd to give him a just Testimony. And the Judgment that was given against him, infinitely more advanced Him, than the Service for which it was given. When this Parliament begun (being return'd Knight of the Shire for the County where he liv'd) the Eyes of all Men were fix'd upon him, as their *Patria Pater*, and the Pilot that must steer the Vessel, through the Tempests, and Rocks which threaten'd it. And I am perswaded, his Power and Interest, at that time, was greater to do Good or Hurt, than any Man's in the Kingdom, or than any Man of his Rank hath had in any time: for his Reputation of Honesty was Universal, and his Affections seem'd so publicly guided, that no corrupt, or private ends could byass them.

Hz was of that rare affability, and temper in Debate, and of that seeming humility and submission of judgment, as if he brought no opinion of his own with him, but a desire of Information, and Instruction; yet he had so subtle a way of

Interrogating, and under the Notion of Doubts, insinuating his Objections, that he infused his own opinions into those from whom he pretended to learn, and receive them. And even with them who were able to preserve themselves from his insulations, and discern'd those opinions to be fixed in him, with which they could not comply, he always left the Character of an Ingenious, and Conscientious Person. He was indeed a very Wise Man, and of great parts, and possess'd with the most absolute spirit of Popularity, and the most absolute faculties to govern the People, of any Man I ever knew. For the first year of the Parliament, he seem'd rather to moderate, and soften the violent and distemper'd humours, than to inflame them. But wise and dispassion'd Men plainly discern'd, that That moderation proceeded from prudence, and observation that the season was not ripe, rather than that he approv'd of the moderation; and that he Begot many opinions, and motions, the Education whereof he committed to other Men; so far disguising his own designs, that he seem'd seldom to wish more than was concluded; and in many gross conclusions, which would hereafter contribute to designs not yet set on foot, when he found them sufficiently backed by majority of Voices, he would withdraw himself before the Question, that he might seem not to consent to so much visible unreasonableness; which produced as great a doubt in some, as it did approbation in others, of his Integrity. What combination soever had been originally with the *Scots* for the Invasion of *England*, and what farther was enter'd into afterwards in favour of them, and to advance any alteration of the Government in Parliament, no Man doubts was at least with the privacy of this Gentleman.

AFTER he was among those Members accused by the King of High Treason, he was much alter'd; his nature and carriage seeming much fiercer than it did before. And without question, when he first drew his Sword, he threw away the Scabbard; for he passionately opposed the Overture made by the King for a Treaty from *Nottingham*, and as eminently, all expedients that might have produced any accommodations in this that was at *Oxford*; and was principally relied on, to prevent any insulations which might be made into the Earl of *Essex* towards Peace, or to render them ineffectual, if they were made; and was indeed much more relied on by that Party, than the General himself. In the first entrance into the Troubles, he undertook the Command of a Regiment of Foot, and perform'd the duty of a Colonel, upon all occasions, most punctually. He was very temperate in diet, and a Supreme Governour over all his Passions, and Affections, and had thereby a great power over other Mens. He was of an Industry
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and Vigilance not to be tired out, or wearied by the most Laborious; and of Parts not to be imposed upon, by the most Subtle, or Sharp; and of a Personal Courage equal to his best Parts; so that he was an Enemy not to be with'd wherever he might have been made a Friend; and as much to be apprehended where he was so, as any Man could deserve to be. And therefore his death was no less pleasing to the One Party, than it was condoled in the Other. In a word, what was said of *Cinna*, might well be applied to Him; "He had a Head to contrive, and a Tongue to persuade, and a Hand to execute, any mischief. His death therefore seem'd to be a great deliverance to the Nation.

THE Earl of *Essex's* Army was so weaken'd by these defeats, and more by the sickness that had wasted it, that it was not thought safe to remain longer so near his unquiet, and restless Enemies. The Factions, and Animosities at *London*, required his presence there; and he thought the Army would be sooner recruited there, than at so great a distance; so that he march'd directly from *Thames* to *London*, where he found Jealousy and Contention enough; leaving his Army Quarter'd about *St. Albans*. Whilst the Affairs of the Parliament were in this Distraction, the King's recover'd great Reputation; and the Season of the year being fit for Action, all Discontents, and Factionous Murmurings, were adjourn'd to the next Winter.

The Earl of Essex marches from Thames to London: quartering his Army, about St. Albans.

THE end of the Treaty, in which We left the Chief Commanders of the *Cornish* Forces, with Commissioners of the other Western Counties, was like that in other places; for notwithstanding those extraordinary obligations of Oaths, and receiving the Sacrament, circumstances in no other Treaty, the Parliament no sooner sent their Votes, and Declarations to them (the same which are before mention'd upon the Treaties in *York-shire*, and *Cheshire*) and some Members of their own to overlook and perplex them, but all Peaceable Inclinations were laid aside; so that (having in the mean time industriously levied Money, throughout *Somerset* and *Devon*, upon Friends and Enemies; and a good Body of Men) the Night before the expiration of the Treaty and Cessation, *James Chudleigh* the Major General of the Rebels, brought a strong Party of Horse and Foot within two Miles of *Launceston*, the head Quarter of the *Cornish*, and the very next Morning, the Cessation not being determin'd till after twelve of the Clock in the Night, march'd upon the Town, where they were not sufficiently provided for them. For though the Commanders of the *Cornish* had employ'd their time, as usefully as they could, during the Cessation, in preparing the Gentry of that Country, and all the Inhabitants, to submit to a Weekly Tax

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for the support of that Power, which defended them; over and above which, the Gentlemen, and Persons of Quality, freely brought in all their Plate to be disposed of to the Publick; and though they foresaw, after the Committee of Parliament came into the Country, that the Treaty would conclude without fruit, and therefore *Sr Ralph Hopton*, and *Sr Bevil Greenvil* repair'd to *Launceston* the day before the expiration of the Treaty, to meet any attempt should be made upon them: Yet, being to Feed, and Pay their small Forces out of one County, they had been compell'd to Quarter their Men at a great distance, that no one part might be more oppress'd than was necessary: so that all that was done the first day, was by the advantage of Passes, and lining of Hedges, to keep the Enemy in Action; till the other Forces came up; which they seasonably did, towards the Evening; and then the Enemy, who receiv'd great loss in that days Action, grew so heartless, that in the Night they retir'd to *Okington*, fifteen Miles, from the place of their Skirmish. After which many small Skirmishes ensued, for many days, with various success; sometimes the *Cornish* advancing in *Devon*, and then retiring again; for it appear'd now, that a form'd Army was marching against them, so far Superior in Number, that there was no reasonable hope of resistance.

*The Earl of
Stamford
marches into
Cornwall
with an
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TOWARDS the middle of *May*, the Earl of *Stamford* march'd into *Cornwall*, by the North Part, with a Body of four hundred hundred Horse and Dragoons, and five thousand four hundred Foot by the Poll, with a Train of thirteen Brads Ordnance, and a Morter Piece, and a very plentiful Magazine of Victual, and Ammunition, and every way in as good an Equipage, as could be provided by Men who wanted no Money; whilst the King's small Forces, being not half the Number, and unsupplied with every useful thing, were at *Launceston*; of whom the Enemy had so absolute a contempt, though they knew they were marching to them, within six or seven Miles, that they consider'd only how to take them after they were dispersed, and to prevent their running into *Pendennis* Castle to give them farther trouble. To which purpose having encamped themselves upon the flat top of a very high Hill, to which the Ascents were very steep every way, near *Stratton*, being the only part of *Cornwall* eminently disaffected to the King's Service, they sent a Party of twelve hundred Horse and Dragoons, under the Command of *Sr George Chudleigh*, Father to their Major General, to *Bodmin* to surprize the High Sheriff, and principal Gentlemen of the Country; and thereby, not only to prevent the coming up of any more strength to the King's Party, but, under the Awe of such a power of Horse, to make the whole Country rise for them. This design

sign, which was not in it self unreasonable, proved fortunate to the King. For his Forces which march'd from *Launceston*, with a resolution to Fight with the Enemy, upon any disadvantage of Place or Number (which, how hazardous soever, carried less danger with it, than retiring into the County, or any thing else that was in their power) easily now resolv'd to Assault the Camp in the absence of their Horse; and with this resolution, they march'd on *Monday* the fifteenth of *May*, within a Mile of the Enemy; being so destitute of all Provisions, that the best Officers had but a Bisket a Man a day, for two days, the Enemy looking upon them as their own.

On *Tuesday* the sixteenth of *May*, about five of the Clock in the Morning, they dispos'd themselves to their work; having stood in their Arms all the Night. The Number of Foot was about two thousand four hundred, which they divided into four parts, and agreed on their several Provinces. The first was Commanded by the Lord *Mobus*, and *Sr Ralph Hopton*; who undertook to Assault the Camp on the South side. Next them, on the left hand, *Sr John Berkley*, and *Sr Bevil Greenvil* were to force their way; *Sr Nicholas Slanning*, and Colonel *Trevaunion* were to Assault the North side; and, on the left hand, Colonel *Thomas Bassett*, who was Major General of their Foot, and Colonel *William Godolphin* were to advance with their Party; each Party having two Pieces of Cannon to dispose as they found necessary: Colonel *John Digby* Commanding the Horse and Dragoons, being about five hundred, stood upon a Sandy Common which had a way to the Camp, to take any advantage he could of the Enemy, if they Charg'd; otherwise, to be firm as a Reserve.

In this manner the Fight begun; the King's Forces pressing, with their utmost vigour, those four ways up the Hill; and the Enemies as obstinately defending their ground. The Fight continued with very doubtful success, till towards three of the Clock in the Afternoon; when word was brought to the Chief Officers of the *Cornish*, that their Ammunition was spent to less than four Barrels of Powder; which (concealing the defect from the Soldiers) they resolv'd could be only supplied with Courage: and therefore, by Messengers to one another, they agreed to advance with their full Bodies, without making any more shot, till they reach'd the top of the Hill, and so might be upon even ground with the Enemy, wherein the Officer's Courage, and Resolution, was so well seconded by the Soldier, that they began to get ground in all places; and the Enemy, in wonder of the Men, who out-faced their shot with their Swords, to quit their Post. Major General *Chudleigh*, who order'd the Battle, failed in no part of his Soldiers; and when he saw his Men recoil from less Numbers

bers, and the Enemy in all places gaining the Hill upon him, himself advanced, with a good stand of Pikes, upon that Party which was led by *Sr John Berkley*, and *Sr Bevil Greenvil*; and Charg'd them so smartly, that he put them into disorder; *Sr Bevil Greenvil*, in the shock, being born to the Ground, but quickly reliev'd by his Companion; they so reinforced the Charge, that having kill'd most of the Assailants, and dispersed the rest, they took the Major General Prisoner, after he had behaved himself with as much Courage, as a Man could do. Then the Enemy gave ground apace, inso much as the four Parties, growing nearer and nearer as they ascended the Hill, between three and four of the Clock, they all met together upon one ground near the top of the Hill; where they embraced with unspeakable joy, each congratulating the others success, and all acknowledging the wonderful blessing of God; and being there possess'd of some of the Enemies Cannon, they turn'd them upon the Camp, and advanced together to perfect the Victory. But the Enemy no sooner understood the loss of their Major General, but their hearts failed them; and being so resolutely press'd, and their ground lost, upon the security and advantage whereof, they wholly depended, some of them threw down their Arms, and others fled; dispersing themselves, and every Man shifting for himself: Their General, the Earl of *Stamford*, giving the example, who (having stood at a safe distance all the time of the Battle, environ'd with all the Horse, which in small Parties, though it is true their whole Number was not above six or seven score, might have done great mischief to the several Parties of Foot, who with so much difficulty scaled the steep Hill) as soon as he saw the day lost, and some say sooner, made all imaginable haste to *Exeter*, to prepare them for the condition they were shortly to expect.

*The Earl is
beaten near
Stratton,
May 16.*

THE Conquerors as soon as they had gain'd the Camp, and dispersed the Enemy, and after publick Prayers upon the Place, and a solemn Thanksgiving to Almighty God for their Deliverance and Victory, sent a small Party of Horse to pursue the Enemy for a Mile or two; not thinking fit to pursue farther, or with their whole Body of Horse, lest *Sr George* should return from *Bodmin* with his strong Body of Horse and Dragoons, and find them in disorder; but contenting themselves with the Victory they had obtain'd upon the place, which, in Substance as well as Circumstance, was as signal a one, as hath happen'd to either Party since the unhappy distraction; for on the King's Party were not lost in all above four score Men; whereof few were Officers, and none above the degree of a Captain; and though many more were hurt, not above ten Men dy'd afterwards of their wounds. On the

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Parliament side, notwithstanding their advantage of ground, and that the other were the Assailants, above three hundred were slain on the place, and seventeen hundred taken Prisoners with their Major General, and above thirty other Officers. They took likewise all their Baggage and Tents, all their Cannon, being, as was said before, thirteen Pieces of Brass Ordnance, and a Brass Mortar-piece; all their Ammunition, being seventy Barrels of Powder, and all other sorts of Ammunition proportionable, and a very great Magazine of Bisket, and other excellent Provisions of Victuals; which was as seasonable a Blessing as the Victory, to those who, for three or four days before, had suffer'd great want of food as well as sleep; and were equally tired with duty and hunger. The Army rested that night, and the next day, at *Stratton*; all care being taken by express Messengers, to disperse the news of their success to all parts of that Country, and to guard the Passes upon the River *Tamar*, whereby to hinder the return of the Enemies Horse and Dragoons. But *St. George Chudleigh* had no sooner, with great triumph, dispersed the High Sheriff, and Gentlemen, who intended to have call'd the *posse Comitatus*, according to their good custom, for the Assistance of the King's Party, and with little resistance enter'd *Bodmin*, when he receiv'd the fatal News of the loss of their Camp and Army at *Stratton*. Upon which, with as much haste, and disorder, as so great a consternation could produce among a People not acquainted with the Accidents of War, leaving many of his Men and Horses a Prey to the Country People, himself, with as many as he could get, and keep together, got into *Phymouth*; and thence, without interruption or hazard, into *Exeter*.

THE Earl of *Stamford*, to make his own Conduct and Misfortune the less censur'd, industriously spread abroad in all places, and confidently sent the same information to the Parliament, "That he had been betray'd by *James Chudleigh*; and "That, in the heat of the Battle, when the hope of the day stood fair, he had Voluntarily, with a Party, run over to "the Enemy, and immediately Charg'd the Parliament Forces; "which begot in all Men a general apprehension of Treachery, "the Soldiers fearing their Officers, and the Officers their "Soldiers revolt; and thereupon the Rout ensued. Whereas the truth is, as he was a young Man of excellent Parts, and Courage, he perform'd the part of a right good Commander, both in his Orders, and his Person; and was taken Prisoner in the Body of his Enemy, whither he had Charg'd with undaunted Courage, when there was no other expedient in reason left. But this scandal so without colour cast on him, and entertain'd with more credit than his services had merited (for
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from the time of his Engagement to the Parliament, he had serv'd not only with full ability, but with notable success, and was the only Man that had given any interruption to the prosperity of the *Cornish* Army, and in a night-skirmish, at *Braddock Down* near *Okington*, struck a greater terror into them, and disorder'd them more than they were at any other time) wrought so far upon the young Man, together with the kind usage, and reception he found as a Prisoner among the Chief Officers, who lov'd him as a Gallant Enemy, and one like to do the King good Service if he were recover'd to his Loyalty, that after he had been Prisoner about ten days, he freely declar'd, "That he was convinced in his Conscience, and Judgment, of the errors he had committed; and, upon promise made to him of the King's Pardon, frankly offer'd to joyn with them in his Majesty's Service; and so gave some countenance to the reproach that was first most injuriously cast upon him.

THE truth is, he was of too good an understanding, and too much generosity in his nature, to be affected to the Cause which he serv'd, or to comply with those Arts, which he saw practiced to carry it on; and having a Command in *Ireland*, when the War first broke out, he came thence into *England*; with a purpose to serve the King; and to that end, shortly after his Majesty's coming to *Oxford*, he came thither to tender his Service; but he found the Eyes of most Men fix'd upon him with prejudice and jealousy there, both for his Family's sake, which was notoriously disaffected to the King, and for some errors of his own, in that Plot, that was so much spoken of, to bring up the Northern Army to awe the Parliament; in which business, being then a very young Man, and of a stirring Spirit, and desirous of a Name, he had express'd much Zeal to the King's Service, and been busy in inclining the Army to engage in such Petitions, and Undertakings, as were not gracious to the Parliament. But when that discovery was made by Mr *Goring*, as is before rememb'd, and a Committee appointed to examine the Combination, this Gentleman, wrought upon by hopes, or fears, in his Examination, said much that was disadvantageous to the Court, and therefore, bringing no other Testimony with him to *Oxford*, but of his own Conscience, he receiv'd nothing like Countenance there; whereupon he return'd to *London*, sufficiently incens'd that he was neglected; and was quickly entertain'd, for their Western employment, where his nearest Friends were thoroughly engaged. But after this defeat, his former passion being allay'd, and his observation and experience convincing him, that the designs of the Parliament were not such as were pretended, he resign'd himself to those who

who first conquer'd him with Force, and then with Reason and Civility; and, no doubt, was much wrought upon by the discipline, and integrity of the Forces, by whom he had been subdued; and with the Piety, Temper, and Sobriety of the Chief Commanders, which indeed was most exemplary, and worthy the Cause for which they were engaged; the Reputation, and Conscience whereof, had alone carried them through the difficulties, and streights, with which they were to contend.

THIS Army, willing to relieve their Friends of *Cornwall*, from the burden which they sustain'd so patiently, hasten'd their march into *Devon-shire*, not thoroughly resolv'd whether to attack *Plymouth*, or *Exeter*, or both; when advertisement came to them, by an Express from *Oxford*, "That the King had sent Prince *Maurice*, and the Marquis of *Hertford*, "with a very good Body of Horse to joyn with them, and that "they were advanced towards them as far as *Somerfet-shire*; "and that *St. William Waller* was design'd by the Parliament, "to visit the West, with a new Army, which would receive "a good recruit from those who escaped from the Battle of "Stratton; So that it was necessary for all the King's Forces in those Parts to be united in a Body, as soon as might be; hereupon it was quickly resolv'd to leave such a Party at *Salt-ash*, and *Milbrook* as might defend Faithful *Cornwall* from any Incursions of *Plymouth*, and with their Army to march Eastward; their number increasing daily upon the Reputation of their new wonderful Victory; many Volunteers coming to them out of *Devon-shire*, and very many of their Prisoners professing, they had been seduced, and freely offering to serve the King against those who had wrong'd both; who, being entertain'd under some of their own converted Officers, behaved themselves afterwards with great Honesty and Courage. And so making no longer stay by the way, than was necessary for the refreshing of their Troops, the *Cornish* Army, for that was the style it now carried, march'd by *Exeter*, where the Earl of *Stamford*, with a sufficient Garrison, then was; and staying only two or three days to fix small Garrisons, whereby that Town, full of fear and apprehension, might be kept from having too great an influence upon so Populous a Country, advanced to *Tiverton*, where a Regiment of Foot of the Parliament, under Colonel *Ware*, a Gentleman of that Country, had fix'd themselves; hoping *St. William Waller* would be as soon with them for their relief, as the *Cornish* would be to force them; which Regiment being easily dispersed, they stay'd there to expect new Orders from the Marquis of *Hertford*.

WHEN the loss of *Reading* was well digested, and the King understood the declining Condition of the Earl of *Essex's* Army,

my, and that he would either not be able to advance, or not in such a manner, as would give him much trouble at *Oxford*; and hearing in what prosperous state his hopeful Party in *Cornewall* stood, whither the Parliament was making all haste to send *Sr William Waller*, to check their good success; his Majesty resolv'd to send the Marquis of *Hertford* into those parts, the rather because there were many of the prime Gentlemen of *Wilt-shire*, *Dorset-shire*, and *Somerset-shire*, who confidently undertook, if the Marquis went through those Counties, with such a strength as they supposed the King would spare to him, they would in a very short time raise so considerable a Power, as to oppose any force the Parliament should be able to send. When the Marquis was ready for his Journey, news arriv'd of the great Victory at *Stratton*; so that there was no danger in the Marquis's being able to joyn with that little *Cornish* Army; and then there would appear indeed a visible Body worthy the name of an Army. This put some Persons upon desiring, that Prince *Maurice* (who was yet in no other Quality of Command, than of a private Colonel of Horse, but had always behav'd himself with great Courage and Vigilance) might be likewise disposed into a Command of that Army. Hereupon the King assign'd him, and his Highness willingly accepted to be Lieutenant General under the Marquis; who for many reasons, besides that he was actually possess'd of it, was thought fit to have the superior power over those Western Counties, where his Fortune lay, and the Estimation, and Reverence of the People to him was very great. So the Prince and the Marquis, with Prince *Maurice's*, and the Earl of *Carmarvon's* and Colonel *Thomas Howard's* Regiment of Horse (the Earl being General of the Cavalry) advanced into the West; and staying only some few days at *Salisbury*, and after in *Dorset-shire*, whilst some new Regiments of Horse and Foot, which were Levying by the Gentlemen in those Parts, came up to them, made all convenient haste into *Somerset-shire*, being desirous to joyn with the *Cornish*, as soon as might be; presuming they should be then best able to perfect their new Levies, when they were out of apprehension of being disturbed by a more powerful Force. For *Sr William Waller* was already march'd out of *London*, and us'd not to stay longer by the way than was unavoidably necessary.

IN the Marquis's first entrance into the West, He had an unspeakable loss, and the King's Service a far greater, by the death of *Mr Rogers*, a Gentleman of a rare Temper, and excellent Understanding; who besides that he had a great Interest in the Marquis, being his Cousin-german, and so, out of that private Relation, as well as Zeal to the Publick, passionately inclined to advance the Service, had a wonderful great influence

influence upon the County of *Dorset*, for which he serv'd as one of the Knights in Parliament; and had so well design'd all things there, that *Poole*, and *Lyme* (two Port Towns in that County, which gave the King afterwards much Trouble) if He had liv'd, had been undoubtedly reduced. But by his Death all those hopes were cancell'd, the surviving Gentry of that Shire being, how well affected soever, so unactive, that the progress, that was that year made there to the King's advantage, ow'd little to their Assistance.

ABOUT the middle of *June*, Prince *Maurice*, and the Marquis, with sixteen or seventeen Hundred Horse, and about one thousand new levied Foot, and seven or eight Field-Pieces came to *Chard*, a fair Town in *Somerſet-shire*, nearest the edge of *Devon-shire*; where, according to order, they were met by the *Cornish* Army; which consisted of above three thousand excellent Foot, five hundred Horse, and three hundred Dragoons, with four or five Field-pieces; so that, Officers and all, being joyn'd, they might well pass for an Army of seven thousand Men; with an excellent Train of Artillery, and a very fair proportion of Ammunition of all sorts, and so good a Reputation, that they might well promise themselves a quick increase of their Numbers. Yet if the extraordinary temper and virtue of the Chief Officers of the *Cornish* had not been much superior to that of their Common Soldiers, who valued themselves high, as the Men whose courage had alone vindicated the King's Cause in the West, there might have been greater disorder at their first joyning, than could easily have been composed. For how small soever the Marquis's Party was in Numbers, it was supplied with all the General Officers of a Royal Army, a General, Lieutenant General, General of the Horse, General of the Ordnance, a Major General of Horse, another of Foot, without keeping suitable Commands for those who had done all that was passed, and were to be principally relied on for what was to come. So that the Chief Officers of the *Cornish* Army, by joyning with a much less party than themselves, were at best in the condition of Private Colonels. Yet the same Publick thoughts still so absolutely prevailed with them, that they quieted all murmurings and emulations among Inferior Officers, and Common Soldiers; and were, with equal candour and estimation, valued by the Prince and Marquis, who be-thought themselves of all expedients, which might prevent any future misunderstanding.

The Marquis of Hertford and Prince Maurice, with their Forces, joyn the Cornish Army at Chard.

Taunton was the first place they resolv'd to visit, being one of the fairest, largest, and richest Town in *Somerſet-shire*; but withal as eminently affected to the Parliament, where they had now a Garrison; but they had not yet the same Courage they

they recover'd afterwards. For the Army was no sooner drawn near the Town, the head Quarters being at *Orchard*, a House of the *Portmans*, two miles from the Town, but the Town sent two of their substantial Inhabitants to Treat; which, though nothing was concluded, struck that terror into the Garrison (the Prisoners in the Castle, whereof many were Men of good Fortunes, imprison'd there as Malignants, at the same time raising some commotion there) that the Garrison fled out of the Town to *Bridgewater*, being a less Town but of a much stronger situation; and, with the same panick fear, the next day, from thence; so that the Marquis was possess'd, in three days, of *Taunton*, *Bridgewater*, and *Dunstar-Castle*, so much stronger than both the other, that it could not have been forced; yet by the dexterity of *Francis Windham*, who wrought upon the fears of the owner, and master of it, *M^r Lutterel*, was, with as little blood-shed as the other, deliver'd up to the King; into which the Marquis put him, that took it, as Governour; as he well deserv'd.

THE Government of *Taunton* he committed to *Sr John Stawell*, a Gentleman of a very great Estate in those parts; who, from the beginning, had heartily and personally engaged Himself and his Children for the King; and was in the first form of those who had made themselves obnoxious to the Parliament. The other Government, of *Bridgewater*, was conferr'd upon *Edmund Windham*, High Sheriff of the County, being a Gentleman of a Fortune near the place, and of a good personal Courage, and unquestionable Affection to the Cause. The Army staid about *Taunton* seven or eight days, for the settling those Garrisons, and to receive Advertisements of the Motion, or Station of the Enemy; in which time they lost much of the Credit, and Reputation, they had with the Country. For whereas the Chief Commanders of the *Cornish* Army, had restrain'd their Soldiers from all manner of License, obliging them to solemn, and frequent Actions of Devotion, insomuch as the fame of their Religion, and Discipline, was no less than of their Courage, and thereupon *Sr Ralph Hopton* (who was generally consider'd as the General of that Army, though it was govern'd by such a Commission as is before remember'd) was greedily expected in his own Country, where his Reputation was second to no Mans; the Horse, that came now with the Marquis, having lived under a loose Discipline, and coming now into plentiful Quarters, unvisited by an Army, eminent for their Disaffection, were disorderly enough to give the Enemy credit in laying more to their Charge than they deserv'd; and by their License hinder'd those orderly Levies, which should have brought in a supply of Money, for the regular payment of the Army.

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This extravagancy produced another mischief, some jealousy, or shadow of it, between the Lord Marquis and Prince Maurice; the first, as being better versed in the Policy of Peace, than in the Mysteries of War, desiring to regulate the Soldier, and to restrain him from using any License upon the Country, and the Prince being thought so wholly to incline to the Soldier, that he neglected any consideration of the Country, and not without some design of drawing the sole dependence of the Souldier upon him. But here were the seeds rather sown of dislike, than any visible disinclination produced; for after they had settled the Garrisons before mention'd, they advanced, with Unity and Alacrity, Eastward, to find out the Enemy, which were gathered together in a considerable Body, within less than twenty Miles of them.

WHILST so much time was spent at Oxford, to prepare the supplies for the West, and in settling the manner of sending them; which might have been done much sooner, and with less noise; the Parliament foresaw, that if all the West were recover'd from them, their Quarters would by degrees be so streighten'd, that their other Friends would quickly grow weary of them. They had still all the Western Ports at their Devotion, those in Cornwall only excepted; and their Fleets had always great benefit by it. And though most of the Gentry were engaged against them, as they were in truth in many parts throughout the Kingdom, yet the Common People, especially in the Cloathing parts of Somersetshire, were generally too much inclined to them. So that they could not want Men, if they sent a Body of Horse, and some Arms, to countenance them; with the last of which, they had sufficiently stored the Sea Towns which were in their hands. And therefore they resolv'd, that though they could not easily recruit their Army, they would send some Troops of Horse, and Dragoons, into the West, to keep up the Spirits of their Friends there. And for the conduct of this service, they made choice of Sr William Waller, a Member of the House of Commons, and a Gentleman of a Family in Kent.

The Parliament sent Sr W. Waller into the West with an Army.

Sr William Waller had been well bred; and, having spent some years abroad, and some time in the Armies there, return'd with a good Reputation home; and shortly after, having Married a young Lady, who was to inherit a good Fortune in the West, he had a quarrel with a Gentleman of the same Family, who had the Honour to be a menial Servant to the King in a place near his Person; which, in that time, was attended with Privilege and Respect from all Men. These two Gentlemen discoursing with some warmth together, Sr William Waller receiv'd such provocation from the other, that he struck him a blow over the face, so near the Gate of Westminster-

minster-Hall, that there were Witnesses, who swore, "That it was in the Hall it self, the Courts being then sitting; which, according to the rigour of Law, makes it very penal; and the credit the other had in the Court, made the prosecution to be very severe; inſomuch as he was at laſt compelled to redeem himſelf at a dear ranſom; the benefit whereof, was conſerr'd on his adverſary, which made the ſenſe of it the more grievous; and this produced in him ſo eager a ſpirit againſt the Court, that he was very open to any temptation, that might engage him againſt it; and ſo concurring in the Houſe of Commons with all thoſe Counſels which were moſt Violent, he was employed in their firſt Military Action, for the reducing of *Portsmouth*; which he effected with great eaſe, as is remember'd before; and when the Earl of *Effex* had put the Army into Winter Quarters, he had with ſome Troops, made a Cavalcade or two into the Weſt, ſo fortunately, that he had not only beat up ſome looſe Quarters, but had ſurprized a fixt and fortified Quarter, made by the Lord *Herbert* of *Ragland* near *Gloceſter*; in which he took above twelve hundred Priſoners with all the Officers; being a number very little inferior to his own Party; which is likewiſe particularly remember'd before. So that he got great Reputation with the Parliament and the City; and was there call'd *William the Conqueror*. And it is very true, that they who look'd upon the Earl of *Effex* as a Man that would not keep them company to the end of their Journey, had their Eyes upon *St William Waller*, as a Man more for Their turn; and were deſirous to extol him the more, that he might eclipse the other. And therefore they prepared all things for his march, with ſo great expedition and ſecrecy, that the Marquis of *Hertford* was no ſooner joyn'd to the *Cornish* Troops (in which time *Bridgewater*, and *Dunſtar*, and ſome other places were reduced from the Parliament) before he was inform'd that *St William Waller* was within two days march of him, and was more like to draw ſupplies to him from *Briſtol*, and the parts adjacent, which were under the Parliament, than the Marquis could from the open Country; and therefore it was held moſt Counſellable to advance, and engage him, whiſt he was not yet too ſtrong; and by this means they ſhould continue ſtill their march towards *Oxford*; which they were now inclin'd to do.

THOUGH *St William Waller* himſelf continued ſtill at *Bath*, yet the remainder of thoſe Horſe and Dragoons that eſcaped out of *Cornwall*, after the Battle of *Stratton*, and ſuch other as were ſent out of *Exeter* for their eaſe, when they apprehended a Siege, and thoſe Soldiers who fled out of *Taunton*, and *Bridgewater*, and other Regiments of the Country, were by *Alexander Popham*,

Popham, Strode, and the other Deputy Lieutenants of the Militia for *Somerset*, rallied; and with the Train'd-bands, and Voluntier Regiments of the Country, drawn together, with that confidence, that when the Marquis had taken up his head Quarters at *Somerton*, the Enemy, before break of day, fell upon a Regiment of Dragoons, quarter'd a Mile Eastward from the Town; and gave so brisk an Alarm to the King's Army, that it was immediately drawn out, and advanced upon the Enemy (being the first they had seen make any stand before them, since the Battle of *Stratton*) who making stands upon the places of advantage, and maintaining little Skirmishes in the Rear, retired in no ill order to *Wells*; and the King's Forces still pursuing, they chose to quit that City likewise; and drew their whole Body, appearing in number as considerable as their Pursuers, to the top of a Hill, call'd *Mendip-Hill*, overlooking the City of *Wells*, which they had left. The day being far spent, and the March having been long, the Marquis, with all the Foot, and Train, stayed at *Wells*; but Prince *Maurice*, and the Earl of *Carnarvon*, with *Sr Ralph Hopton*, and *Sr John Berkley*, and two Regiments of Horse, resolv'd to look upon the Enemy on the top of the Hill; who suffer'd them, without interruption, to gain the top of the Hill level with them, and then, in a very orderly manner, facing with a large Front of their Horse, to give their Foot and Baggage, leisure and security, retired together as the Prince advanced. This, and the natural contempt the King's Horse yet had of the Enemy, which in all Skirmishes and Charges had been hitherto beaten by them, made the Prince judge this to be but a more graceful running away; and therefore follow'd them farther, over those large Hills, till the Enemy, who were anon to pass through a Lane, and a Village call'd *Chewton*, were compell'd, before their entrance into the Lane, to leave their Reserve; which faced about much thinner than it was over the Hill; which opportunity and advantage was no sooner discern'd, as had been foreseen, but the Earl of *Carnarvon* (who always Charged home) with an incomparable Gallantry Charged the Enemy, and press'd them so hard, that he enter'd the Lane with them, and Routed the whole Body of their Horse, and follow'd the execution of them above two miles.

BUT this was like to have been a dear success; for *Sr William Waller*, who lay with his new Army at *Bath*, and had drawn to him a good supply out of the Garrison at *Bristol*, had directed this Body which was in *Somerset*, to retire before the King's Forces till they should joyn with him, who had sent a fresh, strong Party of Horse and Dragoons, to assist their Retreat; which, by the advantage of a Hedge, had

march'd without being discover'd: so that the Earl of *Carnarvon*, being a stranger in the Country and the ways, pursued the Enemy into *St William Waller's* Quarters, and till himself was press'd by a fresh Body of Horse and Dragoons; when he was necessitated to retire in as good order as he could, and sent the Prince, who follow'd him, word of the danger which attended them. His Highness hereupon, with what haste he could, drew back through the Village; choosing rather, with very good reason, to attend the Enemy in the plain Heath, than to be engaged in a narrow passage: thither the Earl of *Carnarvon* with his Regiment came to him, broken and chased by the Enemy; who immediately drew up a large Front of Horse and Dragoons, much stronger than the Prince's Party, who had only his own, and the Earl of *Carnarvon's* Regiments, with some Gentlemen Volunteers. The streight, and necessity he was in, was very great; for as he might seem much too weak to Charge them, so the danger might probably be much greater to retire over these fair Hills, being pursued with a fresh Party much superior in number. Therefore he took a Gallant Resolution, to give the Enemy a brisk Charge with his own Regiment upon their advance, whilst the Earl rallied His, and prepared to second him, as there should be occasion. This was as soon and fortunately executed as resolv'd; the Prince in the head of the Regiment Charging so vigorously, that he utterly broke, and routed that part of the Front that receiv'd the impression. But almost half the Enemies Horse, that, being extended larger than his Front, were not Charg'd, wheeled about, and Charg'd the Prince in the Rear; and at the same time the Earl of *Carnarvon*, with his rallied Regiment, Charg'd Their Rear; and all this so thoroughly perform'd, that they were mingled one among the other, and the good Sword was to decide the controversy, their Pistols being spent in the close. The Prince himself receiv'd two shrewd hurts in his head, and was beaten off his Horse; but he was presently reliev'd, and carried off; and the Enemy totally routed, and pursued again by the Earl of *Carnarvon*; who had a fair execution upon them, as long as the light countenanced his chase, and then he return'd to the head Quarters at *Wells*; there having been in these Skirmishes three score or four score Men lost on the Prince's Party, and three times that number by the Enemy; the Action being too quick to take many Prisoners.

AT *Wells* the Army rested many days, as well to recover the Prince's wounds, being only cuts with Swords, as to consult what was next to be done; for they were now within distance of an Enemy than they knew would Fight with them. For *St William Waller* was at *Bath* with his whole Army, much encreased

increas'd by those who were chased out of the West; and resolv'd not to advance, having all advantages of Provisions, and Passes, till a new supply, he every day expected from *London*, were arriv'd with him. On the other side, the Marquis was not only to provide to meet with so vigilant an Enemy, but to secure himself at his Rear, that the disaffection of the People behind him, who were only subdued, not converted, upon the advance of *Sr William Waller*, might not take fresh Courage. Though *Cornwal* was reasonably secured, to keep off any impression upon it self from *Plymouth*, yet *Devon-shire* was left in a very unsafe posture; there being only a small Party at *Columb-John*, a House of *Sr John Ackland's* three miles off *Exeter*, to control the power of that City, where the Earl of *Stamford* was; and to dispute not only with any commotion, that might happen in the Country, but with any power that might arrive by Sea. Upon these considerations, and the intelligence, that the Parliament had sent directions to the Earl of *Warwick* their Admiral, "To attend the *Devon-shire* Coast with his Fleet, and take any advantage he could, the Marquis, by the advice of the Council of War, sent *Sr John Berkley* back into *Devon-shire*, with Colonel *Howard's* Regiment of Horse, to Command the Forces which were then there, and to raise what Numbers more he could possibly, for the blocking up that City, and reducing the Country; and upon his arrival there, to send up to the Army *Sr James Hamilton's* Regiment of Horse and Dragoons; which had been left in *Devon-shire*; and, by the Licence they took, weaken'd the King's Party; so that by sending this relief thither, he did not lessen at all his own Numbers, yet gave great strength to the reducing those parts, as appear'd afterwards by the success.

AFTER this disposition, and eight or ten days rest at *Wells*, the Army generally expressing a cheerful impatience to meet with the Enemy, of which, at that time, they had a greater contempt, than in reason they should have; the Prince, and Marquis, advanced to *Frome*, and thence to *Bradford* within four Miles of *Bath*. And now no day pass'd without Action, and very sharp Skirmishes; *Sr William Waller* having receiv'd from *London* a fresh Regiment of five hundred Horse under the Command of *Sr Arthur Haslerig*; which were so completely Arm'd, that they were called by the other side the Regiment of Lobsters, because of their bright Iron shells, with which they were cover'd, being perfect Curaissiers; and were the first seen so Arm'd on either side, and the first that made any impression upon the King's Horse; who, being unarm'd, were not able to bear a shock with them; besides that they were secure from hurts of the Sword, which were

almost the only Weapons the other were furnish'd with.

THE Contention was hitherto with Parties; in which the Successes were various, and almost with equal losses: for as *Sr William Waller*, upon the first advance from *Wells*, beat up a Regiment of Horse and Dragoons of *Sr James Hamilton's*, and dispersed them; so, within two days, the King's Forces beat a Party of His from a Pass near *Bath*, where the Enemy lost two Field-pieces, and near an hundred Men. But *Sr William Waller* had the advantage in his ground, having a good City, well furnish'd with provisions, to quarter his Army together in; and so in his choice not to Fight, but upon extraordinary advantage. Whereas the King's Forces must either disperse themselves, and so give the Enemy advantage upon their Quarters, or, keeping near together, lodge in the Field, and endure great distress of Provision; the Country being so disaffected, that only force could bring in any supply or relief. Hereupon, after several attempts to engage the Enemy to a Battle upon equal terms, which having the advantage, he wisely avoided; the Marquis, and Prince *Maurice*, advanced with their whole Body to *Marsfield*, five miles beyond *Bath* towards *Oxford*; presuming, that, by this means, they should draw the Enemy from their place of advantage, his chief business being to hinder them from joining with the King. And if they had been able to preserve that temper, and had neglected the Enemy, till he had quitted his advantages, it is probable they might have fought upon as good terms as they desired. But the unreasonable contempt they had of the Enemy, and confidence they should prevail in any ground, together with the streights they endured for want of Provisions, and their want of Ammunition, which was spent as much in the daily Hedge Skirmishes, and upon their Guards, being so near as could have been in Battle, would not admit the patience; for *Sr William Waller*, who was not to suffer that Body to joyn with the King, no sooner drew out his whole Army to *Lansdown*, which look'd towards *Marsfield*, but they suffer'd themselves to be engaged upon great disadvantage.

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IT was upon the fifth of *July* when *Sr William Waller*, as soon as it was light, possess'd himself of that Hill; and after he had, upon the brow of the Hill over the high way, raised Breast-works with faggots and earth, and planted Canon there, he sent a strong Party of Horse towards *Marsfield*; which quickly Alarm'd the other Army, and was shortly driven back to their Body. As great a mind as the King's Forces had to cope with the Enemy, when they had drawn into Battalia, and found the Enemy fixed on the top of the Hill, they resolv'd not to attack them upon so great disadvantage; and so retired again towards their old Quarters: which *Sr William Waller*

Waller perceiving, sent his whole Body of Horſe and Dragoons, down the Hill, to Charge the Rear and Flank of the King's Forces; which they did throughly, the Regiment of Cuiraffiers ſo amazing the Horſe they Charg'd, that they totally routed them; and, ſtanding firm and unſhaken themſelves, gave ſo great terror to the King's Horſe, who had never before turn'd from an Enemy, that no example of their Officers, who did their parts with invincible Courage, could make them Charge with the ſame Confidence, and in the ſame manner they had uſually done. However, in the end, after *Sr Nicholas Slanning* with three hundred Muſqueteers, had fallen upon, and beaten their Reſerve of Dragooners, Prince *Maurice*, and the Earl of *Carnarvon*, Rallying their Horſe, and winging them with the *Cornish* Muſqueteers, Charg'd the Enemies Horſe again, and totally routed them; and in the ſame manner receiv'd two Bodies more, and routed and chaſed them to the Hill; where they ſtood in a place almoſt inacceſſible. On the brow of the Hill there were Breſt-works, on which were pretty Bodies of ſmall ſhot, and ſome Canon; on either Flank grew a pretty thick Wood towards the declining of the Hill, in which ſtrong Parties of Muſqueteers were placed; at the Rear, was a very fair Plain, where the Reſerve of Horſe and Foot ſtood ranged; yet the *Cornish* Foot were ſo far from being appall'd at this diſadvantage, that they deſired to fall on, and cried out, "That they might have leave to fetch off thoſe Canon. In the end, order was given to attempt the Hill with Horſe and Foot. Two ſtrong Parties of Muſqueteers were ſent into the Woods, which flank'd the Enemy; and the Horſe and other Muſqueteers up the Road way, which were Charg'd by the Enemies Horſe, and Routed; then *Sr Bevil Greenvil* advanced with a Party of Horſe, on his right hand, that ground being beſt for them; and his Muſqueteers on the left; himſelf leading up his Pikes in the middle; and in the face of their Canon, and Small-ſhot from the Breſt-works, gain'd the brow of the Hill; having ſuſtain'd two full Charges of the Enemies Horſe; but in the third Charge his Horſe failing, and giving ground, he receiv'd, after other wounds, a blow on the Head with a Poll-Ax, with which he fell, and many of his Officers about him; yet the Muſqueteers Fired ſo faſt upon the Enemies Horſe, that they quitted their ground, and the two Wings, who were ſent to clear the Woods, having done their Work, and gain'd thoſe parts of the Hill, at the ſame time beat off their Enemies Foot, and became poſſeſſ'd of the Breſt-works; and ſo made way for their whole Body of Horſe, Foot, and Canon, to aſcend the Hill; which they quickly did, and planted themſelves on the ground they had won; the Enemy retiring

retiring about Demy Culvering shot behind a Stone Wall upon the same Level, and standing in reasonable good order.

EITHER Party was sufficiently tired, and battered, to be contented to stand still. The King's Horse were so shaken, that of two thousand which were upon the Field in the morning, there were not above six hundred on the top of the Hill. The Enemy were exceedingly scatter'd too, and had no mind to venture on plain ground with those who had beaten them from the Hill; so that, exchanging only some shot from their Ordnance, they look'd one upon another till the night interpos'd. About twelve of the Clock, it being very dark, the Enemy made a shew of moving towards the ground they had lost; but giving a smart Volly of Small-shot, and finding themselves Answer'd with the like, they made no more noise; which the Prince observing, he sent a Common Soldier to hearken as near the place, where they were, as he could; who brought word, "That the Enemy had left lighted matches in the Wall behind which they had lain, and were drawn off the Field; which was true; so that, as soon as it was day, the King's Army found themselves possess'd entirely of the Field, and the Dead, and all other Ensigns of Victory; *Sr William Waller* being march'd to *Bath*, in so much disorder and apprehension, that he had left great store of Arms, and ten Barrels of Powder, behind him; which was a very seasonable supply to the other side, who had spent in that day's Service, no less than fourscore Barrels, and had not a safe proportion left.

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IN this Battle, on the King's part, there were more Officers and Gentlemen of Quality slain, than Common Men; and more hurt, than slain. That which would have clouded any Victory, and made the loss of others less spoken of, was the death of *Sr Bevil Greenvil*. He was indeed an excellent Person, whose Activity, Interest, and Reputation, was the Foundation of what had been done in *Cornwal*; and his Temper, and Affections, so Publick, that no accident which happen'd, could make any impressions in Him; and his example kept others from taking any thing ill, or at least seeming to do so. In a word, a brighter Courage, and a gentler Disposition, were never married together to make the most chearful, and innocent Conversation.

VERY many Officers and Persons of Quality were hurt; as the Lord *Arundel* of *Wardour*, shot in the Thigh with a brace of Pistol Bullets; *Sr Ralph Hopton* shot through the Arm with a Musquet; *Sr George Vaughan*, and many others, hurt in the Head of their Troops with Swords and Poll-Axes; of which none of name died. But the morning added much to the Melancholy of their Victory, when the Field was entirely their

their own. For *Sr Ralph Hopton* riding up and down the Field to visit the hurt Men, and to put the Soldiers in order, and readiness for motion, sitting on his Horse, with other Officers and Soldiers about him, near a Waggon of Ammunition, in which were eight Barrels of Powder; whether by treachery, or meer accident, is uncertain, the Powder was blown up; and many, who stood nearest kill'd; and many more maim'd; among whom *Sr Ralph Hopton*, and Serjeant Major *Sheldon* were miserably hurt; of which, Major *Sheldon*, who was thought to be in less danger than the other, died the next day, to the general grief of the whole Army, where he was wonderfully belov'd, as a Man of an undaunted Courage, and as great gentleness of Nature. *Sr Ralph Hopton*, having hardly so much life, as not to be number'd with the dead, was put into a Litter, and then the Army march'd to their old Quarters at *Marsfield*; exceedingly cast down with their morning's misfortune (*Sr Ralph Hopton* being indeed the Soldiers darling) where they repos'd themselves the next day, principally in care of *Sr Ralph Hopton*; who, though there were hope of his recovery, was not fit to Travel. In this time many of the Horse, which had been routed in the morning, before the Hill was won, found the way to *Oxford*; and, according to the custom of those who run away, reported all to be lost, with many particular accidents, which they fancied very like to happen when they left the Field; but the next day brought a punctual advertisement from the Marquis, but, withal, a desire of a Regiment or two of fresh Horse, and a supply of Ammunition; whereupon the Earl of *Crawford* with his Regiment of Horse, consisting of near five hundred, was directed to advance that way, with such a proportion of Ammunition as was desir'd.

AFTER a days rest at *Marsfield*, it being understood that *Sr William Waller* was still at *Bath* (his Army having been rather surpris'd and discomforted with the incredible boldness of the *Cornish* Foot, than much weaken'd by the Number slain, which was no greater than on the King's part) and that he had sent for fresh supply from *Bristol*; it was concluded, rather to march to *Oxford*, and so to joyn with the King's Army, than to stay and attend the Enemy, who was so near his supplies: And so they march'd towards *Chippenham*. But when *Sr William Waller* had Intelligence of the blowing up of the Powder, of which he well knew there was scarcely enough before, and of the hurt it had done, he infused new Spirit into his Men; and verily believ'd, that they had no Ammunition, and that the loss of *Sr Ralph Hopton* (whom the People took to be the Soul of that Army, the other Names being not so much spoken of, or so well known, and at this time believ'd to be dead) would be found in the Spirits of the Soldiers; and

having gotten some fresh Men from *Bristol*, and more from the inclinations of the three Counties of *Wilts*, *Glocester*, and *Somerset*, which joyn'd about *Bath*, in the most absolute disaffected parts of all three, he follow'd the Marquis towards *Chippenham*; to which he was as near from *Bath*, as the other from *Marsfield*.

THE next day, early in the morning, upon notice that the Enemy was in distance, the Prince, and the Marquis drew back the Army through *Chippenham*, and presented themselves in Battalia to the Enemy; being very well contented to Fight in such a place, where the success was to depend more on their Foot, who were unquestionably excellent, than on their Horse, which were at best weary, though their Officers were, to Envy, forward and resolute. But *St William Waller*, who was a right good chooser of advantages, liked not that ground; relying as much upon his Horse, who had gotten Credit, and Courage, and as little upon his Foot, who were only well Arm'd, and well Bodied, very vulgarly Spirited, and Officer'd: so that having stood all night in Battalia, and the Enemy not coming on, the Prince and Marquis, the next day, advanced towards the *Devizes*; *St Nicholas Slanning*, with great Spirit and Prudence, securing the Rear with strong Parties of Musqueteers; with which he gave the Enemy, who press'd upon them very smartly, so much Interruption, that *St William Waller*, despairing of overtaking, sent a Trumpet to the Marquis, with a Letter; offering a pitch'd Field at a place of his own choosing, out of the way. The which being easily understood to be only a Stratagem to beget a delay in the march, the Marquis carried the Trumpet three or four Miles with him, and then sent him back with such an Answer as was fit. There were, all this day, perpetual and sharp Skirmishes in the Rear; the Enemy pressing very hard, and being always with loss repulsed, till the Army safely reach'd the *Devizes*.

THEN the case was alter'd for their retreat to *Oxford*, the Enemy being upon them with improvement of Courage, and improvement of Numbers; *St William Waller* having dispersed his Warrants over the Country, signifying, "That he had beaten the Marquis, and requiring the People "To rise in "all places for the apprehension of his scatter'd, and dispers'd "Troops; which confidence, Men conceiv'd, could not proceed from less than a manifest Victory; and so they flock'd to him as the Master of the Field. The Foot were no more now to make the retreat, the situation of the place they were now in, being such as they could move no way towards *Oxford*, but over a Campagne of many Miles, where the stronger in Horse must needs prevail.

HEREUPON, it was unanimously advis'd, and consented to,

to, that the Lord Marquis and Prince *Maurice* should that night break through, with all the Horse, to *Oxford*; and that *Sr Ralph Hopton* (who, by this, was supposed past danger of death, and could hear and speak well enough, though he could not see or stir) with the Earl of *Marlborough*, who was General of the Artillery, the Lord *Mobun*, and other good Officers of Foot, should stay there with their Foot and Canon, where it was hoped they might defend themselves, for a few days, till the General might return with relief from *Oxford*; which was not above thirty Miles off. This resolution was pursued; and, the same night, all the Horse got safe away into the King's Quarters, and the Prince, and Marquis, in the morning, came to *Oxford*; by which time *Sr William Waller* had drawn all his Forces about the *Devizes*. The Town was open, without the least Fortification, or Defence, but small Ditches and Hedges; upon which the Foot were placed, and some pieces of Canon conveniently planted. The Avenues, which were many, were quickly Barricadoed to hinder the entrance of the Horse, which was principally apprehended. *Sr William Waller* had soon notice of the remove of the Horse; and therefore, intending that pursuit no farther, he brought his whole Force close to the Town, and beleaguer'd it round; and having raised a Battery upon a Hill near the Town, he pour'd in his shot upon it without intermission, and attempted to enter in several other places with Horse, Foot, and Canon; but was in all places more resolutely resisted, and repulsed. At the same time, having Intelligence (as his Intelligence was always most exact in whatsoever concern'd him) of the Earl of *Crawford's* marching with a supply of Powder, according to order, after the first Battle of *Landsdown*, he sent a strong Party of Horse and Dragoons to intercept him; who before he knew of the alterations which had happen'd, and of the remove of the Horse towards *Oxford*, was so far engaged, that he hardly escaped with the loss of his Ammunition, and a Troop or two of his Horse.

UPON this improvement of his success, *Sr William Waller* reckon'd his Victory out of question; and thereupon sent a Trumpet into the Town to summon the Besieged, to let them know, "That he had cut off their relief, and that their State was now desperate; and therefore advised them to submit themselves to the Parliament, with whom he would mediate on their behalf. They in the Town were not sorry for the Overture; nor that they apprehended, it would produce any Conditions they should accept, but that they might gain some time of rest by it: for the streights they were in, were too great for any minds not prepared to preserve their Honour at any rates. When the Enemy came first before the Town, and the

the Guards was supplied with Ammunition for their duty, there was but one hundred and fifty weight of Match left in the Store; whereupon diligent Officers were directed to search every House in the Town, and to take all the Bed-cords they could find, and to cause them to be speedily beaten, and boyled. By this suddain expedient, there was, by the next morning, provided fifteen hundred weight of such serviceable Match, as very well endur'd that sharp service. The compass of the ground they were to keep, was so large, and the Enemy press'd so hard upon all places, that their whole Body were upon perpetual duty together, neither Officer, or Soldier having any time for rest; and the activity of the Chief Officers was most necessary to keep up the Courage of the Common Men, who well enough understood the danger they were in, and therefore they were very glad of this Message; and return'd, "That they would send an Officer to Treat, if a Cessation were agreed to during the time of the Treaty; which was consented to, if it were suddainly expedited.

ON the Party of the Belieged were proposed such terms, as might take up most time in the Debate, and might imply Courage and Resolution to hold out. *Sr William Waller*, on the other hand, offer'd only Quarter, and Civil usage to the Officers, and leave to the Common Soldiers to return to their Houses without their Arms, except they would voluntarily choose to serve the Parliament. These being terms many of the Officers would not have submitted to in the last extreme, the Treaty ended; after those in the Town had gained what they only look'd for, seven or eight hours sleep, and so long time sparing of Ammunition. The truth is, *Sr William Waller*, was so confident that they were at his Mercy, that he had written to the Parliament, "That their work was done, and "That by the next Post, he would send the Number, and "Quality of his Prisoners; neither did he imagine it possible, that any relief could have been sent from *Oxford*; the Earl of *Essex*, to whom he had signified his success, and the posture he was in, lying with his whole Army at *Tbame*, within ten Miles of it. But the importance was too well understood by the King to omit any thing, that might, with the utmost hazard, be attempted for the redeeming those Men, who had wrought such wonders for him. And therefore, as soon as the Marquis, and Prince, arriv'd at *Oxford*, with the sad and unexpected news, and relation of the distress of their Friends, though the Queen was then on her march towards *Oxford*, and the King had appointed to meet her two days journey for her security, his Majesty resolv'd to take only his own Guards of Horse, and Prince *Rupert's* Regiment for that expedition; and sent the Lord *Wilmot* with all the rest of the Horse, to march that

that very day in which the advertisement came to him, towards the *Devizes*; so that the Marquis and the Prince coming to *Oxford* on the *Monday* morning, the Lord *Wilmot*, that night, moved towards the work; and Prince *Maurice* returning with him as a Voluntier, but the Lord *Wilmot* Commanding in Chief, appear'd, on the *Wednesday* about noon, upon the plain within two Miles of the Town.

THE Lord *Wilmot* had with him fifteen hundred Horse, and no more, and two small Field-pieces, which he shot off to give the Town notice of his coming; having it in his hopes, that, it being a fair Campagne about the Town, when the Enemy should rise from before it, he should be able in spite of them to joyn with the Foot, and so to have a fair Field for it; which would be still disadvantageous enough, the Enemy being Superior by much in Horse, very few of those, who had broken away from the *Devizes* (except the Prince himself, the Earl of *Carnarvon*, and some other Officers) being come up with them, because they were tired, and dispersed. The Enemy, careful to prevent the joyning of this Party of Horse with the Foot, and fully advertised of their coming, drew off, on all parts, from the Town; and put themselves in Battalia upon the top of a fair Hill, called *Roundway-Down*; over which the King's Forces were necessarily to march, being full two Miles off the Town; they within conceiv'd it hardly possible, that the relief, they expected from *Oxford*, could so soon arrive; all the Messengers, who were sent to give notice of it, having miscarried by the closeness of the Siege; and therefore suspected the warning Pieces from the Plain, and the drawing off the Town by the Enemy, to be a Stratagem to couzen the Foot from those Posts they defended, into the open Field; and so, very reasonably, being in readiness to march, they waited a surer Evidence, that their Friends were at hand; which shortly arriv'd; and assur'd them, "That the Prince was near and expected them.

It will be easily conceived, with what alacrity they advanced to meet him; but *Sr William Waller* had purposely chose that ground to hinder that conjunction, and advanced so fast on the Lord *Wilmot*, that without such removes, and traverses, as might give his Men some apprehension, that Lord could not expect the Foot from the Town; and therefore he put his Troops in order upon that ground to expect the Enemies Charge, who were somewhat more than Musquet-shot off in order of Battle.

HERE *Sr William Waller*, out of pure Gayety, departed from an advantage he could not again recover; for being in excellent order of Battle, with strong wings of Horse to his Foot, and a good Reserve placed, and his Cannon usefully planted,

*The Battle
of Round-
way Down
wherein Sr
William
Waller is
Routed.*

planted, apprehending still the conjunction between the Horse and the Foot in the Town, and gratifying his Enemy with the same contempt, which had so often brought inconveniencies upon them, and discerning their number inferior to that he had before (as he thought) master'd, he march'd, with his whole Body of Horse, from his Foot, to Charge the Enemy; appointing *Sr Arthur Haslerig* with his Cuirassiers apart, to make the first impression; who was encounter'd by *Sr John Byron*, in whose Regiment the Earl of *Carmarvon* Charg'd as a Voluntier; and after a sharp Conflict, in which *Sr Arthur Haslerig* receiv'd many wounds, that impenetrable Regiment was Routed, and, in a full Career, chased upon their other Horse. At the same time, the Lord *Wilmot* Charging them from division to division, as they were ranged, in half an hour, so suddain Alterations the accidents of War introduce, the whole entire Body of the Triumphant Horse were so totally Routed, and Dispersed, that there was not one of them to be seen upon that large spacious Down; every Man shifting for himself with greater danger by the Precipices of that Hill, than he could have undergone by opposing his pursuer. But as it was an unhappy ground to fly, so it was as ill for the pursuer; and after the Rout, more perish'd by fall and bruises from their Horses, down the Precipices, than by the Sword. The Foot stood still firm, making shew of a gallant Resistance; but the Lord *Wilmot* quickly seized their Canon, and turn'd them upon them, at the same time that the *Cornish* Foot, who were by this come from the Town, were ready likewise to Charge them; upon which their hearts failed; and so they were Charged on all sides, and either kill'd, or taken Prisoners, very few escaping; the *Cornish* retaining too fresh a Memory of their late distresses, and revenging themselves on those who had contributed thereunto. *Sr William Waller* himself, with a small Train, fled into *Bristol*, which had sacrificed a great part of their Garrison in his Defeat; and so were even ready to expire at his entry into the Town, himself bringing the first news of his disaster.

THIS glorious day, for it was a day of Triumph, redeem'd for that time the King's whole Affairs, so that all Clouds that shadow'd them seem'd to be dispell'd, and a bright light of success to shine over the whole Kingdom. There were in this Battle slain, on the Enemies part, above six hundred on the place; nine hundred Prisoners taken, besides two or three hundred retaken and redeem'd whom they had gathered up in the Skirmishes, and pursuit; with all their Canon, being eight Pieces of Brass Ordnance; all their Arms, Ammunition, Wagons, Baggage, and Victual; eight and twenty Foot Ensigns, and nine Cornets; and all this by a Party of fifteen hundred

hundred Horse, with two small Field-pieces (for the Victory was perfect, upon the matter, before the *Cornish* came up; though the Enemies Foot were suffer'd to stand in a Body uncharged, out of ceremony, till They came; that they might be refresh'd with a share in the Conquest) against a Body of full two thousand Horse, five hundred Dragoons, and near three thousand Foot, with an excellent Train of Artillery, So that the *Cornish* had great reason to think their deliverance, and Victory at *Roundway*, more signal and wonderful, than the other at *Stratton*, save that the first might be thought the Parent of the latter, and the loss on the King's Party was less; for in This there was slain very few; and, of Name, none but *Dudley Smith*, an honest and Valiant young Gentleman; who was always a Voluntier with the Lord *Wilmot*, and amongst the first upon any Action of danger.

BESIDES the present fruit of this Victory, the King receiv'd an advantage from the Jealousy, that, from thence, grew among the Officers of the Parliament Armies. For *Sr William Waller* believ'd himself to be absolutely betrayed, and sacrificed by the Earl of *Essex*, out of envy of the great things he had done, which seem'd to eclipse His Glories; and complain'd "That he lying with his whole Army within ten miles of *Oxford*, should suffer the Chief strength of that place to march thirty miles to destroy him, without so much as sending out a Party to follow them, or to Alarm *Oxford*, by which they would have been probably recalled. On the other hand, the Earl, disdaining to be thought his Rival, reproach'd the other with "Unfoldierly neglects, and want of Courage, to be beaten by a handful of Men, and to have deserted his Foot and Canon, without engaging his own Person in one Charge against the Enemy. Wherever the fault was, it was never forgiven; but from the Enmity that proceeded from thence, the King often afterwards reaped very notable, and seasonable advantages; which will be remember'd in their places.

THIS blessed Defeat happen'd to be upon the same day, and upon the same time of the day, when the King met the Queen upon the Field near *Keinton*, under *Edge-hill*, where the Battle had been fought in *October* before; and before their Majesties came to *Oxford*, they receiv'd the happy news of it. It is easy to imagine the joy with which it was received, all Men raising their fallen Spirits to too great a height, as though they should now go through all the work without farther opposition; and this transport to either extremes was too natural upon all the Vicissitudes of the War; and it was some allay to the welcome news of the Victory to some Men, that it had been obtain'd under the Command and Conduct of

of *Wilmot*; who was very much in Prince *Rupert's* disfavour, and not in any notable degree of favour with the King, but much belov'd by all the good fellowship of the Army; which was too great a Body. It was now time for the King's Army, Victorious in so many Encounters, to take the Field: upon What Enterprize, was the Question. This overthrow of *Waller* had infinitely surpris'd, and encreas'd the distractions at *London*. They had seen the Copy of the Warrants, which his vanity had caus'd to be dispers'd, after the Action at *Lansdown*; in which he declared, "That he had Routed the Marquis's Army, and was in pursuit of them; and therefore Commanded the Justices of Peace, and Constables, to give order for the apprehension of them, as they fled dispers'd; and expected every day, that the Marquis would be sent up Prisoner; and now to hear that his whole invincible Army was defeated, and himself fled, upon the matter, alone (for ill news is for the most part made worse, as the best is reported to be better than it is) brought them to their Wits end; so that they could little advance the recruiting the Earl of *Essex* his Army; who in his Person likewise grew more fullen towards them, and resent'd their little regard of him, and grew every day more conversant with the Earls of *Northumberland* and *Holland*, and others who were most weary of the War, and would be glad of Peace upon easy terms.

The King meets the Queen near Keinton; she coming with a great Recruit.

THE King's Army receiv'd a fair addition, by the conjuncture with those Forces which attended the Queen; for her Majesty brought with her above two thousand Foot, well Arm'd, and one thousand Horse, and six pieces of Canon, and two Mortars, and about one hundred Wagons. So that as soon as their Majesties came to *Oxford*, the Earl of *Essex*, who had spent his time about *Thame*, and *Aylesbury*, without any Action after that Skirmish in which Mr *Hambden* was slain, save by small Parties of which there was none of Name, or Note, but one handsome smart conflict between a Party of five hundred Horse and Dragoons, Commanded by Colonel *Middleton*, a Scotch-man, on the Parliament Party, and a Regiment of Horse, Commanded by *St Charles Lucas*, on the King's; where, after a very Soldierly contest, and more blood drawn than was usual upon such Actions, the King's Party prevail'd, returning with some Prisoners of Name, and the slaughter of one hundred of the Enemy, not without some loss of their own: The Earl, I say, retired with his Army broken, and dishearten'd to *Uxbridge*, giving over any thought of fighting with the King, till he should be recruited, with Horse, Men, and Money; and suffering no less in the talk of the People (who began to assume a great freedom in discourse) for not interposing to hinder the Queen's march to *Oxford*, and

The Earl of Essex retires from Thame with his Army to Uxbridge.

and joyning with the King, than for sitting still so near *Oxford*, whilst the Lord *Wilmot* went from thence to the ruin of *St William Waller*.

AFTER which Defeat the Lord *Wilmot* retired to *Oxford* to attend his Majesty; and the *Cornish* Army (for that name it deservedly kept still, though it receiv'd so good an encrease by the Marquis, and Prince's joyning with them) drew back, and possess'd themselves of *Bath*, which was soon quitted to them, upon the overthrow of *Waller*; that Garrison being withdrawn to reinforce *Bristol*. At *Bath* they rested, and refresh'd themselves, till they might receive new Orders from the King; who, upon full advice, and consideration of the State he was in, and the broken condition of the Enemy, resolv'd to make an attempt upon the City of *Bristol*; to which Prince *Rupert* was most inclined, for his being disappointed, in a former design; and where there were many well affected to the King's Service from the beginning, and more since the execution of those two eminent Citizens. And the disesteem generally had of the Courage of *Nathaniel Fiennes*, the Governor, made the design to be thought the more reasonable; so the Marquis, and Prince *Maurice* return'd to *Bath*, upon agreement to appear, on such a day, with their whole strength before *Bristol*, on the *Somerset-shire* side, when Prince *Rupert* with the *Oxford* Forces would appear before it, on the *Glocester-shire* side.

ON the four and twentieth of *July*, both Armies sat down before it; Quartersing their Horse in that manner, that none could go out or in to the City, without great hazard of being taken; and the same day with the assistance of some Seamen, who were prepared before, they seized all the Ships that were in *King-road*; which were not only laden with goods of great value, as Plate, Money, and the best sort of all Commodities, which those who suspected the worst had sent aboard, but with many Persons of Quality; who, being unwilling to run the hazard of a Siege, thought that way to have secured themselves, and to have escaped to *London*; and so were all taken Prisoners. The next day, Prince *Rupert* came to his Brother, and the Marquis, and a general Council of all the principal Officers of both Armies being assembled, it was Debated, "In what Manner, they should proceed, by Assault or Approach."

THERE were in the Town five and twenty hundred Foot, and a Regiment of Horse and Dragoons; the line about the Town was finish'd; yet in some places the graff was wider, and deeper than in others. The Castle within the Town was very well prepared, and supplied with great store of Provisions to endure a Siege. The opinions were several: The Officers

“ficers of the *Cornish* were of opinion, “That it was best to proceed by way of Approach; because, the ground being very good, it would in a very short time be done; and since there was no Army of the Enemy in a possibility to relieve it, the securest way would be the best; whereas the Works were so good, that they must expect to lose very many Men; and, if they were beaten off, all their Summer hopes would be destroyed; it not being easy, again to make up the spirit of the Army for a new Action. Besides, they alledg’d, the well affected Party in the City, which was believ’d to be very great, would after they had been closely Besieged three or four days, have a greater influence upon the Soldier, and be able to do more towards the Surrender, than they could upon a Storm; when they would be equally sensible of the disorder of the Soldier, and their own damage by plunder, as the other; and the too late example of the executed Citizens, would keep Men from offering at any insurrection in the City.

ON the other hand, Prince *Rupert*, and all the Officers of His Army very earnestly desir’d to Assault it; alledg’d, “The Work to be easy, and the Soldiers fitter for any brisk attempt, than a dull patient design; and that the Army would be more weaken’d by the latter, than the former: that the City, not having yet recover’d the consternation of *Sir William Waller*’s Defeat, was so full of horror, that it would make a very weak Defence: that there was no Soldier of experience in the Town, and the Governour himself not like to endure the terror of a Storm: whereas, if they gave them time to consider, and to look long upon them with a Wall between, they would grow confirm’d, and resolute, and courage would supply the place of skill; and having plenty of all kinds of Provisions within the Town, they would grow strong, and peremptory, whilst the Besiegers grew less vigorous, and dishearten’d. These reasons, and the Prince’s opportunity, with some insinuations of knowing more than was fit to be spoken, as if somewhat would be done within the Town, that must not be mention’d, and a glorious contempt of danger, prevailed so far, that it was consented to, on all parts, to Assault the Town the next morning at three places on the *Somersetshire* side, and at three places on the *Glocestershire* side, at the break of day. The truth is, both opinions, with regard to their different circumstances, were in themselves reasonable: for the *Glocestershire* side, where Prince *Rupert* was, might be storm’d, the graff being shallow, and the Wall, in some places, low, and weak; which could not be easily Approach’d, by reason the ground was rocky, and the Redoubts high and very strong, which overlook’d the ground; on the other

other side, the ground was very easy to Approach, and as inconvenient, and dangerous to Storm, by reason of a plain level before the Line, and a broad and deep graff, and the line throughout, better flanker'd than the other.

THE next Morning, with little other Provisions fit for such a Work, than the Courage of the Assaultants, both Armies fell on. On the West side, where the *Cornish* were, they assaulted the Line in three places; one division led by *Sr Nicholas Slanning*, assisted with Colonel *John Trevannion*, Lieutenant Colonel *Slingsby*, and three more Field Officers; too great a number of such Officers to conduct so small a Party as five hundred Men, if there had not been an immoderate disdain of danger, and appetite of glory: Another division, on the right hand, was led by Colonel *Buck*, assisted by Colonel *Wagstaffe*, Colonel *Bernard Afley*, who commanded the Regiment of the Lord Marquis *Herford*, with other Field Officers: And the third division, on the left hand, led by *Sr Thomas Bassett*, who was Major General of the *Cornish*. These three divisions fell on together with that Courage, and Resolution, as nothing but death could controul; and though the middle division got into the graff, and so near filled it, that some mounted the Wall, yet by the prodigious disadvantage of the ground, and the full defence the Besieged made within, they were driven back with a great slaughter; the Common Soldiers, after their Chief Officers were kill'd, or desperately wounded, finding it a bootless attempt.

ON Prince *Rupert's* side, it was Assaulted with equal Courage, and almost equal loss, but with better success; for though that division led on by the Lord *Grandison*, Colonel General of the Foot, was beaten off, the Lord *Grandison* himself being hurt; and the other, led by Colonel *Bellasis*, likewise had no better fortune; yet Colonel *Washington*, with a less Party, finding a place in the Curtain (between the places Assaulted by the other two) weaker than the rest, enter'd, and quickly made room for the Horse to follow. The Enemy, as soon as they saw the Line enter'd in one place, either out of fear, or by Command of their Officers, quit their Posts; so that the Prince enter'd with his Foot and Horse into the Suburbs; sending for one thousand of the *Cornish* Foot, which were presently sent to second him; and march'd up to *Frome-gate*, losing many Men, and some very good Officers, by shot from the Walls, and Windows; insomuch as all Men were much cast down to see so little gotten with so great a loss; for they had still a more difficult entrance into the Town, than they had yet passed, and where their Horse could be of no use to them; when, to the exceeding comfort of Generals, and Soldiers, the City beat a Parley; which the Prince willingly

embracing and getting their Hostages into his hands, sent Colonel *Gerrard* and another Officer to the Governour to Treat. The Treaty began about two of the Clock in the afternoon, and, before ten at night, these Articles were agreed on, and sign'd by all Parties.

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cles.*

1. "THAT the Governour, *Nathaniel Fiennes*, together with all the Officers both of Horse and Foot, now within, and about the City of *Bristol*, Castle, and Forts, may march out to morrow morning by nine of the Clock, with their full Arms, Bag and Baggage, provided it be their own Goods: And that the Common Foot Soldiers march out without Arms, and the Troopers with their Horses, and Swords, leaving their other Arms behind them, with a safe Convoy to *Warmister*; and after not to be molested in their March, by any of the King's Forces, for the space of three days.
2. "THAT there may be Carriages allowed and provided to carry away their Bag and Baggage, and sick and hurt Soldiers.
3. "THAT the King's Forces march not into the Town, till the Parliament Forces are march'd out; which is to be at nine of the Clock.
4. "THAT all Prisoners in the City be deliver'd up; and that Captain *Eyers*, and Captain *Crookem*, who weretaken at the *Devizes*, be released.
5. "THAT *Sr John Horner*, *Sr John Seymour*, *Mr Edward Stevens*, and all other Knights, Gentlemen, Citizens and other Persons, that are now in the City, may, if they please, with their Goods, Wives, and Families, Bag and Baggage, have free liberty to return to their own homes, or elsewhere, and there to rest in safety, or ride, and travel with the Governour and Forces: and such of them, and their Families, as shall be left behind, by reason or sickness or other cause, may have liberty, so soon as they can conveniently, to depart this Town with safety; provided that all Gentlemen, and other Persons, shall have three days liberty to reside here, or depart with their Goods, which they please.
6. "THAT all the Inhabitants of the City shall be secured in their Persons, Families, and Estates, free from plundering, and all other violence, or wrong whatsoever.
7. "THAT the Charters, and Liberties of this City may be preserv'd; and that the Ancient Government thereof, and present Governours, and Officers, may remain and continue in their former condition, according to his Majesty's Charters, and Pleasure.
8. "THAT, for avoiding Inconveniencies and Distractions,

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“the quartering of Soldiers be referr’d or left to the Mayor,
“and Governour of the same City for the time being.

9. “THAT all such, as have carried any Goods into the
“Castle may have free liberty to carry the same forth.

10. “THAT the Forces, that are to march out, are to leave
“behind them all Canon, and Ammunition, with their Co-
“lours, and such Arms as is before express’d.

THE next morning, (if not before) for the truth is, from
the time that the Treaty was first offer’d, they in the Town
kept no Guards, nor observ’d any order; but their Soldiers
run away to the Prince, and many of His Soldiers went into
the Town) his Highness was possess’d of *Bristol*, the Enemy
then marching away. Here the ill example of *Reading*, in
the breach of the Articles, was remember’d, and unhappily
followed; for all that Garrison was now here. So that they,
with some Colour of right, or retaliation, and the rest, by
Their example, used great License to the Soldiers, who should
have been safely conducted; which reflected much upon the
Prince; though he used his utmost power to suppress it; and
charged Colonel *Fiennes* to be accessory to his own wrong, by
marching out of the Town an hour before his appointment;
and thereby his Convoy was not ready; and at another Gate
than was appointed and agreed on. And as the Articles were
thus unhappily violated to those who went away, so they were
not enough observ’d to those who stay’d, and to the City it
self: for many of Colonel *Fiennes*’s Soldiers taking conditions,
and entering with the King’s Army, instructed their new
Friends, Who were most disaffected; so that one whole Street
upon the Bridge, the Inhabitants whereof lay under some
brand of Malignity, though, no doubt, there were many ho-
nest Men among them, was almost totally plunder’d; which,
because there was but little Justice done upon the Tran-
sgressors, was believ’d to be done by connivance from the Of-
ficers, and more discredited the King’s Forces, and his Cause,
than was then taken notice of, or discover’d. It was a noble
attribute given to the brave *Fabritius*, *Qui aliquid esse crederet
& in hostem nefas*. I wish I could excuse those swerings from
Justice, and Right, which were too frequently practis’d against
Contracts, under the notion, that they, with whom they
were made, were Rebels, and could not be too ill used;
when, as the cause deserv’d, so it needed all the ingenuity,
and integrity, in the Propugners of it, to keep despair from
the Guilty, who were by much too numerous for the Inno-
cent.

THIS reduction of *Bristol* was a full tide of prosperity to
the King, and made him Master of the second City of his

Kingdom; and gave him the undisturb'd possession of one of the richest Counties of the Kingdom (for the Rebels had now no standing Garrison, or the least visible influence upon any part of *Somerſet-ſhire*) and render'd *Wales* (which was before well affected, except ſome Towns in *Pembroke-ſhire*) more uſeful to him; being freed of the fear of *Briſtol*, and conſequently of the charge, that always attends thoſe fears; and reſtored to the Trade with *Briſtol*; which was the greateſt ſupport of thoſe parts. Yet the King might very well have ſaid, what King *Pyrrhus* heretofore did, after his ſecond Battle; by the City of *Aſculum*, with the *Romans*, where he won the Victory; "If We win another at this Price, We are utterly undone. And truly his Maſteſty's Loſs before this Town, was ineſtimable, and very hard to be repaired. I am perſwaded there were ſlain, upon the ſeveral Aſſaults, of Common Men, but ſuch as were tried and incomparable Foot, about five hundred; and abundance of excellent Officers, whereof many were of prime Command, and Quality.

ON the *Cornish* ſide, fell, beſides Major *Kendall*, and many other Inferior Officers, excellent in their degree; Colonel *Buck*; a modeſt and a ſtout Commander, and of good experience in War; who having got over the Graſs, and even to the top of the Wall, was knock'd down with a Halbert, and perſh'd in the Graſs: Sr *Nicholas Slanning*, and Colonel *John Trevannion*, the Life and Soul of the *Cornish* Regiment, whoſe Memories can never be enough celebrated; who being led by no impulſion, but of Conſcience, and their own obſervation of the ill practices and deſigns of the great Conductors (for they both were of the Houſe of Commons) engaged themſelves with the firſt in the oppoſition; and as ſoon as Sr *Ralph Hopton*, and thoſe other Gentlemen came into *Cornwall*, joynd with them; and being both of ſingular Reputation, and good Fortunes there, the one in Poſſeſſion, the other in Reverſion after his Father, they engaged their Perſons and Eſtates in the Service; rather doing great things, than affecting that it ſhould be taken notice of to be done by them; applying themſelves to all Infirmities, and condeſcending to all Capacities, for removing all obſtructions, which accidentally aroſe among thoſe, who could only proſper by being of one mind. Sr *Nicholas Slanning* was Governour of *Pendennis* Caſtle, upon the credit and ſecurity whereof, the King's Party in that Country firſt depended, and by the Command it had of the Harbour of *Falmouth*, was, or might be, ſupplied with all that was neceſſary. He was indeed a young Man of admirable Parts, a ſharp and diſcerning Wit, a ſtayed and ſolid Judgment, a gentle and moſt obliging Behaviour, and a Courage ſo clear and keen, as, even without the other ornaments, would

would have render'd him very considerable: They were both young, neither of them above eight and twenty, of entire friendship to one another, and to *Sr Bevil Greenvil*, whose body was not yet buried; they were both hurt almost in the same minute, and in the same place; both shot in the thigh with Musquet Bullets; their bones broken, the one dying presently, the other some few days after; and both had the Royal sacrifice of their Sovereign's very particular Sorrow, and the concurrence of all good Mens; and, that which is a greater solemnity to their memories, as it fares with most great and virtuous Men, whose loss is better understood long afterwards, they were as often lamented, as the accidents in the publick Affairs made the Courage, and Fidelity of the *Cornish* of greatest signification to the Cause.

ON the North side, of Prince *Rupert's* Army, fell very many good Officers, the chief of whom was Colonel *Harry Lunsford*, an Officer of extraordinary Sobriety, Industry, and Courage; near whom, his excellent Lieutenant Colonel *Moyle* was likewise hurt, and died within few days, both shot out of a Window after they had enter'd the Suburbs. There were hurt, the Lord Viscount *Grandison*, Nephew to the Great Duke of *Buckingham*, who was Colonel General of the King's Foot; Colonel *John Bellasis*, since Lord *Bellasis*; Colonel *Bernard Ashley*; Colonel *Sr John Owen*; and many other Officers of name, of whom none of Quality died of their wounds but the Lord *Grandison*; whose loss can never be enough lamented. He was a young Man of so virtuous a habit of mind, that no temptation or provocation could corrupt him; so great a Lover of Justice, and integrity, that no example, necessity, or even the barbarity of this War, could make him swerve from the most precise Rules of it; and of that rare Piety and Devotion, that the Court, or Camp, could not shew a more faultless Person, or to whose example young Men might more reasonably conform themselves. His Personal Valour, and Courage of all kinds (for he had sometimes indulged so much to the Corrupt opinion of Honour, as to venture himself in Duels) was very eminent, inasmuch as he was accused of being too Prodigal of his Person; his Affection, and Zeal, and Obedience to the King, was such as became a Branch of that Family. And he was wont to say, "That if he had not understanding enough to know the uprightness of the Cause, nor Loyalty enough to inform him of the Duty of a Subject, yet the very obligations of Gratitude to the King, on the behalf of his House, were such, as his Life, was but a due Sacrifice; and therefore, he no sooner saw the War unavoidable, than he engaged all his Brethren, as well as himself in the Service; and there were then

three more of them in Command in the Army, where he was so unfortunately cut off.

AS SOON as the news of the taking of *Bristol* came to the King at *Oxford*, after a solemn Thanksgiving to God for the Success, which was immediately and publicly perform'd, his Majesty assembled his Privy Council, to consider how this great Blessing in War, might be applied to the procuring a happy Peace; and that this might be the last Town he should purchase at the price of Blood. It was evident, that, as this last Victory added great lustre, and beauty to the whole face of his Affairs, so it would produce an equal paleness, and be an ominous preface to the Parliament; where the Jealousies and Apprehensions between themselves still grew higher, and new remedies still propos'd, which were generally thought worse than the disease.

The two Houses send Commissioners into Scotland for relief.

UPON the news of the Lord *Fairfax's* being Defeated in the North, which came about this time, they resolv'd to send a Committee of the two Houses into *Scotland*, "To desire their Brethren of that Kingdom presently to advance with an Army for their Relief; which was thought so desperate a Cure, that the Lords naming the Earl of *Rutland*, and Lord *Grey of Warke*, for that Embassy, the Earl upon indisposition of Health procur'd a release; and the other, who had never declined any employment they would confer on him, so peremptorily refus'd to meddle in it, that he was committed to the Tower; and in the end, they were compelled to depute only Commoners to that Service: and so *Sr William Armynne*, young *Sr Henry Vane*, and two more, assist'd with Mr *Marshall* and Mr *Nye*, two of their powerful Clergy, were embark'd in that Negotiation; upon which, they who sent them, were so far from being confident, and so little satisfied, that they should be driven to bring in Foreign Forces, with the purpose whereof they had so long traduced the King, that there was, some few desperate Persons, only excepted, even a universal desire of Peace; and the Earl of *Essex* himself writing to the Speaker of the House of Commons, of the defects in his Army, and of his wants of Horse, Men and Money, advis'd, "That they would think of sending some reasonable Propositions to the King, for the procuring a Safe Peace; which being the first intimation, he had ever given to that purpose, together with his familiarity, and correspondence with those Lords, who were known passionately to desire an accommodation, gave them sad apprehensions; which were encreas'd by some severe Messages they receiv'd from him, for his Vindication from the foul Aspersions, and Calumnies, which were generally and publicly laid on him, for his inactivity after the winning *Reading*, whilst the Queen march'd securely

securely to Oxford, and *S^r William Waller* was destroy'd; as if "He would think of some way of righting Himself, if They "were not sensible on His behalf.

How to work upon these discomposed humours, and to reduce them to such temper, that they might consent to the Kingdoms Peace, was the Argument of the King's consultations: but by what expedient to promote this, was the difficulty. After the breach of the last Treaty, and when the King had in vain labour'd to revive it, and could not procure any Answer from them to his last Messages: but instead thereof his Messenger imprison'd, Try'd before a Council of War for his Life; and still in custody, and a Declaration, "That "whosoever should be employ'd by his Majesty, on any Message to them, without their leave, should be proceeded "against as a Spy (so that though they pretended to be his great Council, they upon the matter now protested against any relation to his Majesty) he advised with his Council, "What might be fit for him to do, to lessen the Reverence "and Reputation of them with the People: for the superstition towards the name of a Parliament was so general, that the King had wisely forborn to charge the two Houses with the Treason, and Rebellion which was raised, but imputed it to particular Persons, who were most visibly and actually engaged in it. Some were of opinion, "That, all the Members who stay'd there, and sat in either House, being guilty "of so many Treasonable Acts, thereby the Parliament was "actually dissolv'd, by the same reason, as a Corporation, "by great Misdemeanour and Crime, might forfeit their "Charter; and therefore that the King should, by his Proclamation, declare the dissolution of it, and then consider "whether it were fit to call another: but this opinion was generally disliked, both "Because it was conceiv'd not to be "just; for the Treason of those who were present, could not "forfeit the right of those who were away; neither was it "evident, that all that were present, consented to the ill that "was done; and the King's declaring a Parliament to be dissolved, contrary to an Act of Parliament, was believ'd, "would prove an Act so ungracious to the People, for the consequences of it, that the King would be an exceeding loser "by such an attempt; and that many, in such a case, would "return thither, who out of Conscience had withdrawn from "that Assembly.

In Conclusion, the advice was unanimous, "That his Majesty should declare the Orders, and Proceedings of one or "both Houses to be void, by reason the Members did not "enjoy the Freedom and Liberty of Parliament; and therefore should require his good Subjects, no longer to be misled

“by them: and, to that purpose, the King had issued his Proclamation six Weeks before this happy turn in his Affairs, so that he could not now send a Message to them, as to two Houses of Parliament, lest he might seem to retract his former Judgment of them, which was concluded to be both regular and just. Upon the whole matter, lest his Majesty might be understood to be so much elated with his good successes, and the encrease of his strength, that he aimed at no less than a perfect Victory, and the ruin of those who had incensed him (by which insinuation they who could not forgive themselves, endeavour’d to make all others desperate) he was resolv’d to publish such a Declaration to the whole Kingdom, that both Houses, and their Army, could not but take notice of, and might, if they were inclined to it, thence take a rise to make any Overtures to him towards an atonement. To that purpose, the next day after he receiv’d the assurance of the taking of *Bristol*, his Majesty publish’d this ensuing Declaration; which I shall enter in his own words.

His Majesty's Declaration to all his loving Subjects, after his Victories over the Lord Fairfax in the North, Sr William Waller in the West, and the taking of Bristol by his Majesty's Forces.

The King's Declaration after his late successes.

“As the grievances and losses of no particular Persons, since these miserable bloody distempers have disquieted this poor Kingdom, can be compared to the loss and damage We our self have sustain’d, there having been no Victory obtain’d but in the Blood of our own Subjects, nor no Rapine or Violence committed, but to the impoverishment and ruin of our own People; so, a blessed and happy Peace cannot be so acceptable and welcome to any Man, as to Us. Almighty God, to whom all the secrets of our Heart are open, who hath so often and so miraculously preserv’d Us, and to whose Power alone We must attribute the goodness of our present Condition (how unhappy soever it is with reference to the Publick Calamities) knows, with what unwillingness, with what anguish of Soul, We submitted our self to the necessity of taking up Defensive Arms. And the World knows with what justice and bounty We have repaired our Subjects, for all the pressures and inconveniencies they had born, by such excellent Laws, as would for ever have prevented the like; and with what earnestness and importunity We desir’d to add any thing, for the establishment of the Religion, Laws, and Liberty of the Kingdom. How all these have been disturbed, invaded, and almost destroy’d, by Faction, Sedition, and Treason, by those,

“those, who have neither Reverence to God, nor Affection
“to Men, but have sacrificed both to their own Ends and Ambition, is now so evident, that We hope, as God hath wonderfully manifested his care of Us, and his defence of His
“and Our most just Cause; so, he hath so far touch’d the
“Hearts of our People, that their Eyes are at last open’d to
“see how miserably they have been seduced, and to abhor
“those Persons, whose Malice and Subtlety had seduced them
“to Dishonour Him, to rebel against Us, and to bring much
“Misery and Calamity upon their Native Country.

“We well remember the Protestation voluntarily made by
“Us, in the head of that small Army we were Master of in
“September last, to defend and maintain the true Reform’d
“Protestant Religion: And if it should please God, by his
“blessing upon that Army, to preserve Us from this Rebellion, that We would maintain the just Privileges and Freedom of Parliament, and govern by the known Laws of the
“Land; for whose Defence, in truth, that Army was only
“raised, and hath been since kept. And there cannot be a
“more seasonable time to renew that Protestation than now,
“when God hath vouchsafed Us so many Victories and Successes, and hath render’d the Power of those, who seek to
“destroy Us, less formidable than it hath been (so that We
“shall probably not fall under the scandalous imputation,
“which hath usually attended Our Messages of Peace, that
“they proceed from the weakness of our Power, not love of
“our People) and when there is more freedom in many Counties, for Our good Subjects to receive true information of
“their own, and Our Condition; the knowledge whereof
“hath been, with equal industry and injustice, kept from them,
“as other Acts of cruelty have been imposed on them.

“We do therefore declare to all the World, in the presence
“of Almighty God, to whom We must give a strict account
“of all our Professions and Protestations, that We are so far
“from intending any alteration of the Religion establish’d (as
“hath been often falsely, scandalously, and against the Conscience of the Contrivers themselves of that rumour suggested to our People) or from the least thought of invading
“the Liberty and Property of the Subject, or violating the
“just Privileges of Parliament, that We call that God to witness, *who hath cover’d our Head in the day of Battle*, that
“We desire from our Soul, and shall always use our utmost
“endeavour to preserve, and advance the true Reform’d Protestant Religion establish’d in the Church of *England*; in
“which We were born, have faithfully liv’d, and, by the
“grace of God, shall resolutely die: That the preservation
“of the Liberty and Property of the Subject, in the due ob-
“servation

“ fervation of the known Laws of the Land, shall be equally
 “ our care, as the maintenance of our own Rights; We de-
 “ siring to govern only by those good Laws, which, till they
 “ were oppress’d by this odious Rebellion, preserv’d this Na-
 “ tion happy. And We do acknowledge the just Privileges
 “ of Parliament to be an essential part of those Laws, and shall
 “ therefore most solemnly defend, and observe them. So that,
 “ in truth, if either Religion, Law, or Liberty, be precious
 “ to our People, they will, by their submission to Us, joy
 “ with Us in the defence of them; and thereby establish that
 “ Peace, by which only they can flourish, and be enjoy’d.

“ WHETHER these Men, that be profess’d Enemies to
 “ the establish’d Ecclesiastical Government, who reproach and
 “ persecute the Learned Orthodox Ministers of the Church,
 “ and into their places put Ignorant, Seditious, and Schismatical
 “ Preachers, who vilify the Book of Common Prayer, and
 “ impiously profane God’s Worship with their scurrilous and
 “ seditious demeanour, are like to advance that Religion;
 “ whether those Men, who boldly, and without the least sha-
 “ dow or colour of Law, impose insupportable Taxes and
 “ odious Excises upon their fellow Subjects, imprison, tor-
 “ ment, and murder them, are like to preserve the Liberty
 “ and Property of the Subject: and whether those Men, who
 “ seize and possess themselves of our own unquestionable Re-
 “ venue, and our just Rights, have denied Us our Negative
 “ Voice, have, by force and violence, aw’d and terrified the
 “ Members of both Houses, and lastly have, as far as in them
 “ lies, dissolv’d the present Parliament, by driving away and
 “ imprisoning the Members, and resolving the whole power
 “ thereof, and more, into a Committee of a few Men, con-
 “ trary to all Law, Custom, or Precedent, are like to vindi-
 “ cate, and uphold the Privileges of Parliament, all the World
 “ may judge.

“ WE do therefore once more conjure our good Subjects,
 “ by their memory of that excellent Peace and firm Happiness,
 “ with which it pleas’d God to reward their Duty, and Loy-
 “ alty in time past; by their Oaths of Allegiance and Supre-
 “ macy, which no Vow or Covenant, contriv’d and adm-
 “ nister’d to, and by themselves, can cancel or evade; by
 “ whatsoever is dear and precious to them in this life, or hoped
 “ or prayed for in the life to come, that they will remember
 “ their Duty, and consider their Interest, and no longer suffer
 “ themselves to be misled, their Prince dishonour’d, and
 “ their Country wasted and undone by the malice and cunning
 “ of those State Impostors; who, under pretence of Refor-
 “ mation, would introduce whatsoever is monstrous and un-
 “ natural both to Religion, and Policy: But that they rather
 “ choose

“choose quietly to enjoy their Religion, Property, and Liberty, founded and provided for by the wisdom and industry of former times, and secured and enlarged, by the blessings upon the present Age, than to spend their Lives and Fortunes to purchase Confusion, and to make themselves liable to the most intolerable kind of Slavery, that is, to be Slaves to their fellows Subjects; who, by their prodigious, unheard of Acts of Oppression and Tyranny, have given them sufficient evidence what they are to expect at their hands.

“AND let not our good People, who have been misled, or, through want of Understanding, or want of Courage, submitted themselves to unwarrantable and disloyal Actions, be taught, by these Seducers, that their Safety now consists in Despair; and that they can only secure themselves for the ills they have done, by a resolute and peremptory disobedience. Revenge and Blood-thirstiness have never been imputed to Us, by those, who have not left either our Government, or Nature, unexamined, with the greatest Boldness, and Malice. And all those who, since those Bloody distractions, out of Conscience have returned from their evil ways to Us, have found that it was not so easy for Them to repent as for Us to forgive. And whosoever have been misled by those whose Hearts from the beginning have designed all this mischief, and shall redeem their past Crimes by their present Service and Loyalty, in the apprehending, or opposing such who shall continue to bear Arms against Us, and shall use their utmost endeavours to reduce those Men to their due Obedience, and to restore this Kingdom to its wonted Peace, shall have cause to magnify our Mercy, and to repent the Trespases committed against so just and gracious a Sovereign. Lastly, We desire all our good Subjects who have really assisted, or really wish'd Us well, now God hath done such wonderful things for Us, vigorously to endeavour to put an end to all these Miseries, by bringing in Men, Money, Plate, Horses, or Arms, to Our aid; that so We being not wanting to Our selves, may with confidence expect the continuance of God's Favour, to restore Us all to that blessed harmony of Affections, which may establish a firm Peace; without the speedy obtaining of which, this poor Kingdom will be utterly undone, though not absolutely lost.

• WHAT effect this Declaration produced, at least what accident fell out shortly after the publishing it, We shall have occasion anon to remember, when We have first remembered some unfortunate Passages, which accompanied this prosperity on the King's part; for the Sunshine of his Conquest was somewhat

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somewhat Clouded, not only by the Number and Quality of the slain, but by the Jealousies and Misunderstandings of those who were alive. There was not, from the beginning, that conformity of humour and inclinations between the Princes and the Marquis of *Hertford*, as had been to be wish'd between all Persons of Honour, who were engaged in a Quarrel that could never prosper but by the Union of the Undertakers. Prince *Maurice*, and, on his behalf (or rather the other by his impulsion) Prince *Rupert* taking to heart, that a Nephew of the King's should be Lieutenant General to the Marquis, who had neither been exercised in the profession of a Soldier, nor even now punctually studied the Office of a General: On the other hand, the Marquis, who was of the most gentle Nature to the gentle, and as rough and resolute to the imperious, it may be, liked not the Prince's assuming to himself more than became a Lieutenant General, and sometimes crossing Acts of his with relation to the governing, and disposing the Affairs of the Country, in which he knew himself better versed than the Prince; and when *Bristol* was taken, where the Marquis took himself to Command in Chief, being a Town particularly within his Commission, and of which he was besides Lord Lieutenant, he thought himself not regardfully enough used, that Prince *Rupert* had not only enter'd into the Treaty without his Advice, but concluded the Articles without so much as naming him, or taking notice that he was there. And therefore with as little Ceremony to his Highness, or so much as Communicating it to either of the Princes, the Marquis declar'd that he would give the Government of that City to *Sr Ralph Hopton*. Prince *Rupert* on the other hand conceiv'd the Town won by him, being enter'd on that side in which he Commanded absolutely, and the *Cornish* on the other part absolutely repuls'd; and therefore that the disposition of the Command and Government of it, wholly belonged to him. But when he heard the Resolution of the Marquis concerning *Sr Ralph Hopton*, who was not to be put into the Scale with any private Man, he gave over the design of conferring it upon any of the pretenders; and by the same Messenger, by whom he advertised his Majesty of the good Success, he desir'd, "That he would bestow the Government of that City reduced by him, upon himself, the which the King readily consented to; not suspecting any dispute to be about it. And shortly after an Express arriv'd likewise from the Marquis, with an account of all particulars, and that his Lordship had design'd *Sr Ralph Hopton* to be Governour of the new-got City.

THEN, and not before, the King understood what streight he was in; and was exceedingly perplexed to find an Expedient

dient to compose the difference that he saw would arise. He had pass'd his word to his Nephew, of whom he was very tender, and did in truth believe that his Title to dispose the Government was very just: he had likewise a very just esteem of the Marquis who had serv'd him with all fidelity, and had clearly declared himself for him, when the doing otherwise would have been most prejudicial to his Majesty: and, it could not be denied, no Subject's Affection and Loyalty gave a greater Lustre to the King's Cause, than that of the Marquis; and that which was a circumstance of infinite Moment, was the nominating *S^r Ralph Hopton*; who as he was a Person of high merit from the King, so he was the most gracious and popular to that City, and the Country adjacent; and after so great service, and suffering in the service, to expose him to a refusal, was both against the kindness and goodness of the King's Nature, and his Politick foresight into his Affairs. And as a preface how various the interpretation would be abroad, of whatsoever he should determine, he found the Minds and Affections of his own Court and Council; with more passion than ordinary, ready to deliver their opinions. The Marquis was generally lov'd, and where he was not enough known to be so, his Interest and Reputation in the Kingdom was thought of wonderful consideration in the King's business: and many were very much troubled to see *Prince Rupert*, whose activity and courage in the Field they thought very instrumental, incline to get the possession of the second City of the Kingdom into his hands, or to engage himself so much in the Civil Government, as such a Command soberly executed must necessarily comprehend; and this as it were in contempt of one of the prime Noble Men of the Kingdom, to which Order the Prince had not express'd himself very debonair. And these thought "The King was, by Counsel and Precept, to reform and soften the Prince's understanding and humour; and to persuade him, in compliance with his Service, to decline the Contest, and suffer the Marquis to proceed in his disposition, which, on all parts, was acknowledg'd to be most fitly design'd.

OTHERS again were of opinion, "That the right of disposing the Command to whomsoever he thought fit, entirely belong'd to *Prince Rupert*; and therefore (besides that the King had, by the same Messenger who brought the Suit, return'd his Consent) that he could not be reasonably refused; when he desired it for himself; which would take away all possible imagination of disrespect to *S^r Ralph Hopton*, who could not take it ill, that the Prince himself had taken a Command, that was design'd to Him: That the Eyes of the Army were upon his Highness, whose name was grown
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"terror to the Enemy, as his Courage and Conduct had been very prosperous to the King; and if, after so happy and glorious an atchievement, he should now receive a repulse in so reasonable a pretence, though it would not lessen his own duty or alacrity in the Service, it might have an unhappy influence upon his Reputation and Interest in the Army; which could receive no diminution without apparent damage to his Majesty: and therefore, that some means should be used to the Marquis, to wave his Title, and to consent that the Prince should enjoy his desires: so that they who were only fit to be employed to persuade and alter either, Seem'd, and indeed Were, passionately engaged against the thing they were to persuade. Whereupon the King discern'd that all depended upon his own Royal Wisdom; and therefore resolv'd to take a Journey in his own Person to *Bristol*, and there to give such a Rule as he should find most necessary; to which, he presumed, both Persons would conform themselves, as well cordially, as obediently.

The King goes to Bristol to compose the difference.

THAT which the King propos'd to himself, was to gratify his Nephew with the Name, and the Marquis, by making *Sr Ralph Hopton* enjoy the Thing; upon obliging whom the King's care was very particular. For though he knew his nature, as in truth it was, most exactly free from interrupting the least publick Service by private ends or thoughts, other Men would be apt to conceive and publish a disrespect to be done to him, which himself apprehended not; and therefore his Majesty was not only, in his own Princely mind, to retain a very gracious sense of his Service, but to give Evidence to all Men, that he did so. And so after he had made a joyful entrance into *Bristol*, which was perform'd with all decent Solemnity, and used all kind and obliging expressions to the Marquis, he desired him in private to consent, that he might perform his promise to his Nephew, which he had pass'd before he had any imagination that his Lordship otherwise had determin'd of it; without speaking at all of any other Title his Highness had to it, but by his Majesty's promise. He establish'd Prince *Rupert* in the Government of *Bristol*, who immediately sent a Commission to *Sr Ralph Hopton* (who was now so well recover'd, that he walk'd into the Air) to be his Lieutenant Governour; signifying likewise to him, by a Confident that pass'd between them, "That though he was now engaged for some time, which should not be long, to keep the Superior Title himself, he would not at all meddle in the Government, but that he should be as absolute in it, as if the Original Commission had been granted to Him.

Sr Ralph Hopton, who was exceedingly sorry that his Name was at all used, and expos'd, as an Argument of difference and

and misunderstanding between Persons of such eminent influence upon the publick, quickly discern'd that this expedient, though it seem'd plausibly to lessen the noise of the Debate, did in truth object him to the full Envy of one Parry. For the Marquis (who by the King's perswasions was rather quieted, than satisfied) might, and he foresaw would, be perswaded to expect that he would refuse the Commission from Prince *Rupert*, both, as he might be thought to comply in an Injury done to the Marquis, to whom his devotion had been ancient, fast, and unshaken, and as the Command now given him, was inferior to what the Marquis, who had the power of disposal, had conferr'd on him; and so that he should vindicate the Title, which the King himself was loath to give a judgment upon. He was the more troubled, because he found that by submitting to this Charge, he should by some be thought to have deserted the Marquis out of a kind of Revenge for his having deserted the Enterprize, when he chose, the last year, rather to go into *Wales* than *Cornwall*, and for his deserting him again now, when he brought all new Officers to Command the Army over their Heads who had raised it, and made the way for the new to come to them. Whereas the first, as is before remember'd, was done by his own Advice, as well as his full Consent; and the latter, he well knew, was rather to be imputed to Prince *Maurice* than to his Lordship, whose kindness and esteem had been ever very real to him. On the other hand, he saw plainly, that if he refused to receive this Commission, with what specious Circumstances of Duty and Submission soever, it might produce (as without doubt unavoidably it would) notable Disturbances and Interruptions in the King's Affairs; and that the Marquis, to common Understandings, had, to Obey the King, declined the Contest, and therefore that the reviving it, and the mischief that attended it, would be imputed to his particular Account. Besides that, he had always born an avow'd and declar'd Reverence to the Queen of *Bohemia* and her Children, whom he had Personally and actively served in their Wars, whilst they maintain'd any, and for whose Honour and Restitution he had been a Zealous and known Champion. And therefore he had no inclination to disoblige a hopeful Prince of that House, upon whom our own hopes seem'd so much to depend. He therefore resolv'd, according to his rare temper throughout this War, to let him whom he profess'd to serve, choose in what kind he would be serv'd by him; and chearfully receiv'd the Commission from Prince *Rupert*; upon which, all discourse, or Debate of difference, was for the present determin'd, what whisperings or murmurings soever remain'd.

THE King found it now high time to resolve, to what Action next to dispose his Armies, and that their lying still so long there (for these Agitations had kept the main work from going forward ten or twelve days, a time in that Season unfortunately lost) had more weaken'd, than refresh'd them; having not lost more Men by storming the City, than afterwards by plundering it: those Soldiers, who had warm'd themselves with the burthen of Pillage, never quietly again submitting to the Carriage of their Arms.

THE Question was first, "Whether both Armies should be united, and march in one upon the next Design? and then, "What that Design should be? Against the First, there were many Allegations.

1. "THE Condition of the West: *Dorset-shire* and *Devon-shire* were entirely possess'd by the Enemy: for though *Sr John Berkley* with a daring Party kept *Exeter*, and Colonel *John Digby* the North part (which was notoriously disaffected) from joyning with *Plymouth*, which would else quickly have grown into an Army strong enough to infest *Cornwall*, yet they had no place to retire to upon distress; and all the Ports upon the Western Coasts were Garrison'd by the Parliament, which, upon the fame of the approach of the King's Forces, and the loss of *Bristol*, might probably be, without much resistance, reduced.

2. "THE *Cornish* Army was greater in Reputation, than Numbers; having lost many at *Lansdown*, and the Assault of *Bristol*, and, by the death of their Chief Officers, very many were run away since: besides they pretended some promise made to their Country (which they conceiv'd not to be enough secured against *Plymouth*) of returning speedily for the reduction of that Town; so that if they were compelled to march Eastwards, to which they were not inclined, it was to be doubted they would moulder away so fast, that there would be little addition of strength by it. Whereas if they march'd Westward, it would be no hard matter to gather up those who were return'd, and to be strong enough in a very short time, by new Levies, for any Enterprize should be thought reasonable to be undertaken. To which was added, "That having lost those Officers, whom they lov'd and fear'd; and whose Reverence restrain'd their Natural distempers, they were too much inclined to mutiny; and had express'd a peremptory aversion to the joyning, and marching with the King's Army. And the truth is, their humours then were not very gentle and agreeable, as being apt to think that their prowess was not enough recompensed, or valued. For though the King affected to make all possible demonstrations to them, of an extraordinary high esteem he had

had of their wonderful Fidelity and Courage, yet he was able to procure very little Money for them; and they had then, by the discipline under which they had been train'd (which was most regular, and full of that sobriety which promised good fortune) an honest pride in their own Natures, a great disdain of plundering, or supplying themselves by those vile Arts, which they grew afterwards less tender to avoid.

3. "THE great number of the King's Horſe; which was so brave a Body, that when that part of it, which was joyn'd to the *Cornish* was away, he should march with at least six thousand Horſe, which were as many as would be able to live on any Country within a due distance of Quartering.

4. "LASTLY, some Correspondence with the Chief Gentlemen of *Dorset-shire*, who were ready to joyn with any considerable Party for the King, and had some probable hopes, that the small Garrisons upon the Coast would not make a tedious resistance.

THERE was another reason, which was not given, that if both Armies had been kneaded into one, Prince *Maurice* could have been but a private Colonel: but there were enough besides to satisfy the King to keep them divided; and so he gave Order to the Earl of *Carnarvon* to advance towards *Dorchester* (the Chief Town in that County, and one of the most malignant in *England*, where the Rebels had a Garrison) with the Horſe and Dragoons, and the next day to Prince *Maurice* to march after with the Foot and Cannon; his Majesty keeping with him the Marquis of *Hertford* to attend his own Person; for though he well saw, he should undergo some Inconveniencies, by withdrawing the Marquis from that employment, the opinion of the Soundness of his Religion, and Integrity of his Justice, rendring him by much the most popular Man in those parts, and was exceedingly tender of giving the least umbrage and distaste to his Lordship, upon whose Honour and Affection he relied entirely, and would as soon have trusted his Crown upon his Fidelity, as upon any Man's in his three Kingdoms, yet he discern'd plainly that the Prince and the Marquis would never agree together; and that there were Persons about them, who would foment their Indispositions to each other, with any hazard to His service; and concluded, that he should sooner reduce his People by the Power of his Army, than by the persuasions of his Counsel; and that the roughness of the one's Nature, might prevail more than the lenity and condescension of the other: and therefore he sent the Prince on that employment; using all imaginable means to remove any trouble, or jealousy of his favour from the Marquis's mind; his Majesty freely and clearly communicating to him all his Counsels, and the true grounds of his Resolu-

Prince Maurice sent in to the West with an Army.

tion; and declaring to him, "That he would make him a Gentleman of his Bed-Chamber, and Groom of his Stole, and that he would always have his Company and Advice about him; with which the Marquis was satisfied, rather because he resolv'd not to disobey him, than that he was well pleas'd with the price of the obligations.

AND truly many wise and honest Men, were sorry for the King's Election; and though the Marquis's years, and a long indulgence to his ease, had superinduced a kind of laziness and inactivity upon his Nature, that was neither agreeable to his primitive Constitution, nor the great Endowments of his Mind (for he was a good Scholar, and had a good judgment) and less to the temper of this time, and the Office of a General, insomuch as he often resign'd an excellent understanding to those who had a very indifferent one, and follow'd the advice, and concluded upon the information of those, who had narrower, and more vulgar thoughts than suited with His Honour, and were not worthy of such a Trust; yet they thought the Prince's inexperience of the Customs and manners of *England*, and an aversion from considering them, must subject him to the information and advice of worse Counsellors than the other, and which would not be so easily controuled: And I am of opinion, that if the Prince had waited on his Majesty in that Army, and never interposed in any Command, not purely Martial, and the Marquis been sent with those Forces into the West with the Lord *Hopton* (who was now to be left at *Bristol* to intend his health, and to form that new Garrison; which was to be a Magazine for Men, Arms, Ammunition, and all that was wanted) and some other steady Persons, who might have been Assign'd to special Provinces, a greater tide of good fortune had attended that expedition.

THE next resolution to be taken, was concerning the King's own motion with the other Army. There was not a Man, who did not think the reducing of *Glocester*, a City within little more than twenty miles of *Bristol*, of mighty importance to the King, if it might be done without a great expence of time, and loss of Men: "It was the only Garrison the Rebels had between *Bristol* and *Lancashire*, on the North part of *England*, and if it could be recover'd, his Majesty would have the River of *Severn* entirely within his Command; whereby his Garrisons of *Worcester*, and *Shrewsbury*, and all those parts, might be supplied from *Bristol*; and the Trade of that City thereby so advanced, that the Customs and Duty might bring a notable Revenue to the King, and the Wealth of the City encreasing, it might bear the greater Burthen for the War: A rich and populous Country, which hitherto rather yielded Conveniences of

"Quarter,

“Quarter, than a settled Contribution (that strong Garrison
“holding not only the whole Forest division, which is a
“fourth part of the County of *Glocester*, absolute in obedience,
“but so alarm’d all other parts, that none of the Gentry, who
“for the most part were well affected, durst stay at their own
“Houses) might be wholly the King’s Quarters; and by how
“much it had offended, and disquieted the King, more than
“other Counties, by so much the more Money might be rais-
“fed upon them. Besides the general weekly Contributions,
the Yeomanry, who had been most forward and seditious, be-
ing very wealthy, and able to redeem their Delinquency at
a high Price (and these Arguments were fully press’d by the
well affected Gentry of the County, who had carried them-
selves honestly, and suffer’d very much by doing so; and un-
dertook great Levies of Men, if this Work were first done)
there was another Argument of no less, if not greater Mo-
ment than all the rest: “If *Glocester* were reduced, there
“would need no Forces to be left in *Wales*; and all those Sol-
diers might be then drawn to the marching Army, and the
“Contributions and other Taxes assign’d to the payment of
“it. Indeed the King would have had a glorious, and entire
part of his Kingdom, to have contended with the rest.

YET all these motives were not thought worth the engag-
ing his Army in a doubtful Siege; whilst the Parliament might
both recover the fear that was upon them, and consequently
allay and compose the distempers (which, if they did not
wholly proceed from, were very much strengthen’d by those
fears) and recruit their Army; and therefore that it was bet-
ter to march into some of those Counties which were most
oppress’d by the Enemy, and there wait such advantage, as the
distractiion in and about *London* would administer, except there
could be some probable hope that *Glocester* might be got with-
out much delay. And to that purpose there had been secret
agitation; the effect whereof was hourly expected. The Go-
vernour of that Garrison was one Colonel *Massey*, a Soldier of
Fortune, who had, in the late Northern Expeditions prepar-
ed by the King against *Scotland*, been an Officer in the King’s
Army, under the Command of Colonel *William Lee*; and, in
the beginning of these Troubles, had been at *Tork* with inclin-
ation to serve the King; but finding himself not enough
known there, and that there would be little gotten, but the
Comfort of a good Conscience, he went to *London*, where
there was more Money, and fewer Officers; and was easily
made Lieutenant Colonel to the Earl of *Stamford*; and being
quickly found to be a diligent and stout Officer, and of no ill
parts of Conversation to render himself acceptable among the
Common People, was by his Lordship, when he went into

the West, left Governour of that City of *Glocester*, where he had behaved himself actively, and successfully. There was no reason to despair, that this Man (not intoxicated with any of those fumes which made Men rave, and frantick in the Cause) might not be wrought upon. And *Will. Leg*, who had the good opinion of most Men, and the particular kindness of Prince *Rupert*, had sent a Messenger, who was like to pass without suspicion to *Glocester*, with such a Letter of kindness and overture to *Massy*, as was proper in such a case from one Friend to another. This Messenger return'd when the King's and the Army's motion was under Debate, and brought an Answer from the Governour to Colonel *Leg*, in a very high Style, and seeming to take it much unkindly, "That he should endeavour to Corrupt him in his Honesty, and Fidelity, and to perswade him to break a Trust, which, to save his Life, he would never do; with much discourse "Of his Honour, and Reputation, which would be always dear to him. But the Messenger said withal, "That, after the Governour had given him this Letter, and some sharp Reproaches before Company, he was brought again, a back way, to a place where the Governour was by himself; and then he told him, "That it was most necessary he should write such an Answer as he had done; which was communicated to those, who else would have been jealous what such a Messenger should come to him about; but that he should tell *William Leg*, that he was the same Man he had ever been, his Servant; and that he wish'd the King well; that he heard Prince *Rupert* meant to bring the Army before that Town; if he did, he would defend it as well as he could; and his Highness would find another work than he had at *Bristol*; but if the King himself came with his Army, and summon'd it, he would not hold it against Him: For it would not stand with his conscience to fight against the Person of the King; besides that in such a case, he should be able to perswade those of the Town; which otherwise he could not do.

THIS Message turn'd the Scale; for though it might be without purpose of being honest, yet there was no great objection against the King's marching that way with his Army; since it would be still in his power to pursue any other Counsel, without engaging before it. And it was to some a sign that he meant well, because he had not hanged, or at least imprison'd the Messenger who came to him on such an Errand. Hereupon the King resolv'd for *Glocester*, but not to be engaged in a Siege; and so sent his Army that way; and the next day (having first sent *Sr Ralph Hopton* a Warrant to create him *Baron Hopton of Stratton*, in Memory of the happy Battle

the fought there) with the remainder of his Forces march'd towards it. On *Wednesday* the tenth of *August*, the King rang'd his whole Army upon a fair Hill, in the clear View of the City, and within less than two Miles of it; and then, being about two of the Clock in the Afternoon, he sent a Trumpet with this Summons to the Town.

The King marches towards Gloucester and Summons it, Aug. 10. 1643.

“OUT of our tender Compassion to our City of *Glocester*, and that it may not receive prejudice by our Army, which We cannot prevent if We be compelled to Assault it, We are Personally come before it to require the same; and are graciously pleas'd to let all the Inhabitants of, and all other Persons within that City, as well Soldiers as others, know, that if they shall immediately submit themselves, and deliver this our City to Us, We are contented, freely, and absolutely to pardon every one of them, without exception; and do assure them, in the word of a King, that they, nor any of them shall receive the least damage or prejudice by our Army in their Persons or Estates; but that We will appoint such a Governour, and a moderate Garrison to reside there, as shall be both for the ease and security of that City, and that whole County. But if they shall neglect this proffer of Grace and Favour, and compel Us, by the power of Our Army to reduce that Place (which, by the help of God, We doubt not, We shall be easily and shortly able to do) they must thank themselves for all the Calamities and Miseries must befall them. To this Message We expect a clear and positive Answer, within two hours after the publishing hereof; and by these presents do give leave to any Persons, safely to repair to and return from Us, whom that City shall desire to employ unto Us in that business: And do require all the Officers, and Souldiers of Our Army, quietly to suffer them to pass accordingly.

WITHIN less than the time prescribed, together with the Trumpeter return'd two Citizens from the Town, with lean, pale, sharp, and bad Visages, indeed Faces so strange, and unusual, and in such a garb and posture, that at once made the most severe Countenances merry, and the most chearful Hearts sad; for it was impossible such Embassadors could bring less than a Defiance. The Men, without any Circumstances of Duty, or good Manners, in a pert, shrill, undismay'd accent, said, “They had brought an Answer from the Godly City of *Glocester* to the King; and were so ready to give insolent and seditious Answers to any Question, as if their business were chiefly to provoke the King to violate his own Safe Conduct. The Answer they brought was in writing, in these very words.

August 10th 1643.

The Citizens
and Garrison
sent this Answer.

"We the Inhabitants, Magistrates, Officers, and Soldiers, within this Garrison of *Glocester*, unto his Majesty's gracious Message, return this humble Answer: That We do keep this City, according to our Oaths and Allegiance, to and for the use of his Majesty, and his Royal Posterity: And do accordingly conceive our selves wholly bound to obey the Commands of his Majesty, signified by both Houses of Parliament: and are resolv'd, by God's help, to keep this City accordingly.

THIS Paper was subscribed by *Wise* the Mayor, and *Massy* the Governour, with thirteen of the Aldermen, and most substantial Citizens, and eleven Officers of the Garrison; and as soon as their Messengers return'd, who were quickly dismissed, without attending to see what the King resolv'd, all the Suburbs of the City, in which were very large and fair Buildings, well inhabited, were set on Fire; so that there was no doubt, the King was to expect nothing there but what could not be kept from him. Now was the time for new Debates, and new Resolutions; to which Men came not so unbiassed, but unswayed, as they had been at *Bristol*. This indignity and affront to the King prompted thoughts of Revenge; and some thought the King so far engaged, that in Honour he could not do less than sit down before the Town, and force it: and these Inclinations gave Countenance, and Credit to all those plausible informations "Of small Provisions in the Town, either of Victual, or Ammunition; that, where the Town was strongest, there was nothing but an old Stone Wall, which would fall upon an easy Battery; that there were many well Affected People in the Town, who, with those who were incensed by the burning of the Suburbs, and the great losses they must sustain thereby, would make such a Party, that as soon as they were distressed, the Seditious Party would be forced to yield. It was alledg'd, that the Enemy had no Army; nor, by all Intelligence, was like to form any soon enough to be able to relieve it; and if they had an Army, that it was much better for his Majesty to force them to that distance from *London*, and to fight there, where he could be supplied with whatsoever he wanted, could choose his own ground, where his brave Body of Horse would be able to Defeat any Army they could raise, than to seek them in their own Quarters.

ABOVE all, the Confidence of the Soldiers of the best Experience moved his Majesty, who upon riding about the Town, and taking a near view of it, were clear of opinion, that

that they should be able in less than ten days by Approach, for all thoughts of Storming were laid aside upon the loss at *Bristol*, to win it. This produced a Resolution in his Majesty, not one Man in the Council of War dissuading it. So the King presently sent to *Oxford* for his General the Earl of *Brentford* "To come to him, with all the Foot that could be spared out of that Garrison, and his pieces of Battery, to govern that Action: Prince *Rupert* wisely declining that Province, and retiring himself into the Generalship of the Horse, that he might not be thought accountable for any Accidents which should attend that Service. At the same instant, Orders were dispatch'd to *St. William Vavasour*, who Commanded all the Forces in South *Wales* (the Lord *Herbert* having been perswaded, so far to comply with the indisposition of that People, as to decline that Command, or at least for a time to dissemble it) "To draw all his Men to the Forest side of the Town; where the Bridges being broken down, a small strength would keep them in, and any from going to them, which within two days was done. Thus the King was engaged before *Glocester*; and thereby gave respite to the distracted Spirits at *London*, to breathe, and compose themselves; and, more methodically than they hoped to have done, to prepare for their preservation, and accomplishing their own ends; which at that time seem'd almost desperate, and incurable.

The King
Besieges the
Town.

THE direful News of the Surrender of *Bristol*, which was brought to the two Houses on the 31st of *July*, struck them to the Heart, and came upon them as a Sentence of Death, after a vast Consumption of Money, and Confident Promises of destroying all the King's Forces by a day, every Tax and Imposition being declar'd to be the last; and for finishing the work, the Earl of *Essex* was at the same time return'd to *Kingston*, within ten Miles of them, with his broken and dismay'd Troops, which himself would not endure should have the Title of an Army. So that the War seem'd to be even at an end in a sense very contrary to what they had undertaken; their General talking more, and pressing for Reparation, and Vindication of his Honour from imputations, and aspersions, than for a Recruit of Forces, or providing an Army to defend them: Every Man reproach'd his Neighbour with his want of inclination to Peace, when good Conditions might be had, and magnified his own Wisdom, for having fear'd "It would come to This. The King's last Declaration had been read by all Men, and was magnified "As a "most gracious and undeniable instance of his Clemency and "Justice; that he was so far from being elated with his good "Successes, and Power almost to have what he would, that

“he renew’d all those Promises, and Proteſtations for the Religion, Laws, and Liberties of the Kingdom, and Privileges of Parliament; which had been out of their perverſe diſcredited before, as proceeding from the low Condition he was in; and whereas they had been frighted with their representation of their own guilt, and the implacableneſs of the King’s Nature, as if he meant an utter Conqueſt of them, his Maſteſty had now offer’d all that could be honeſtly deſir’d, and had expreſs’d himſelf a Prince not deſighted with Blood and Revenge, but an indulgent Father to the moſt diſobedient Children. In this Reformation of Underſtanding, the Lords in their Houſe debated nothing but expedients for Peace: there were not of that Body above five, at the moſt, who had any inclination to continue the War; and the Earl of *Effex* had ſufficiently declar’d, “That He was weary of it, and held cloſeſt and ſtricteſt Correſpondence with thoſe who moſt paſſionately preſſed an Accommodation. So that, on the fifth of *Auguſt*, they deſir’d a Conference with the Commons; and declared to them, “That they were reſolv’d to ſend Propoſitions to the King, “and they hoped, They would concur in them: the particulars propoſed by them were,

*Propoſitions
for Peace
given by the
Houſe of
Lords to the
Houſe of
Commons in
a Conference.*

1. “THAT both Armies might be preſently diſbanded, and his Maſteſty be entreated to return to his Parliament, upon ſuch ſecurity as ſhould give him ſatiſfaction.

2. “THAT Religion might be ſettled with the advice of a Synod of Divines, in ſuch a manner as his Maſteſty, with the conſent of both Houſes of Parliament, ſhould appoint.

3. “THAT the Militia, both by Sea and Land, might be ſettled by a Bill; and the Militia, Forts, and Ships of the Kingdom, put into ſuch hands as the King ſhould appoint, with the approbation of both Houſes of Parliament: and his Maſteſty’s Revenue to be abſolutely, and wholly reſtor’d unto him; only deducting ſuch part, as had been of neceſſity expended for the maintenance of his Children, and not otherwiſe.

4. “THAT all the Members of both Houſes who had been expell’d only for abſenting themſelves, or meer compliance with his Maſteſty, and no other matter of Fact againſt them, might be reſtored to their Places.

5. THAT all Delinquents, from before the tenth day of *January* 1641, ſhould be deliver’d up to the Juſtice of Parliament, and a General Pardon for all others on both ſides.

6. AND laſtly, “That there might be an Act of Oblivion, for all by-gone Deeds, and Acts of Hoſtility.

WHEN

WHEN this Conference was reported in the House of Commons, it begot a wonderful long, and a hot Debate, which lasted till ten of the Clock that night, and continued a day or two more; the Violent Party (for there were yet many among them of more moderate Constitutions, who did, and ever had heartily abhor'd their proceedings, though out of fear, and indisposition of Health, or not knowing else well what to do, they continued there) inveighed furiously against the design it self of sending to the King at all, and therefore would not have the particular Proposition so much as consider'd: "They had receiv'd much prejudice by the last Treaty at *Oxford*, and therefore must undergo more now their Condition was much lower: The King had since that, upon the matter, declared them to be no Parliament; for if they were not free, they could not be a Parliament; so that till that point were vindicated, they could not Treat in any safe Capacity, but would be look'd upon under the notion of Rebels, as his Majesty had declar'd them. They had sent Members into *Scotland* to require Assistance, which that Kingdom was preparing with all Brotherly Affection, and Forwardness, and after such a discovery, to Treat for Peace, without the privity of the *Scots*, was to betray them; and to forfeit all hopes hereafter of relief from thence, what necessities soever they might be reduced to. That the City of *London* had express'd all imaginable readiness to raise Forces for *St William Waller*; and the Counties near *London* were ready to rise as one Man, whereby the Earl of *Essex* would be speedily enabled to march, with a better Army than ever he had, to give the King Battle, except this discourse of Peace did extinguish the Zeal that was then flaming in the Hearts of the People.

BUT notwithstanding these reasons, and the passion in the delivery, the terror of the King's Successes suggested Answers enough. "They had been punish'd for breaking off the Treaty of *Oxford*, when they might have had better terms than now they could expect; and if they omitted this opportunity, they should fare much worse; that they were not sure of aid from *Scotland*, neither was it almost possible it should come time enough to preserve them from the Ruin at hand. And for the City of *London*, though the common and meaner sort of People who might promise themselves advantage by it, desired the continuance of the distractions, yet it was evident the most Substantial and Rich Men desired Peace, by their refusal to supply Money for the carrying on the War; and if they should judge of the Common People by their forwardness to engage their own Persons, they had reason to believe they had no mind to the War nei-
"ther;

“ther; for their General was forced to retire even under their own Walls, for want of Men to recruit his Army. However, the sending reasonable Propositions to the King, would either procure a Peace, and so they should have no more need of an Army; or, being refused, would raise more Men and Money than all their Ordinances without it. These reasons and arguments prevail’d; and after the Debate had lasted till ten of the Clock at night, it was resolv’d upon the Question, and carried by nine and twenty Voices, “That they should insist upon the Propositions, and send to his Majesty.

AND without doubt, if they had then sent (as if the Power had been in the two Houses of Parliament, they had done) a firm Peace had immediately ensued: for besides that if a Treaty and Cessation had been in that Conjunction enter’d upon, no extravagant demand would have been pressed, only a security for those who had been faulty, which the King would gladly have granted, and most religiously observ’d; the fourth Proposition, and Consent to restore all Members to their places in Parliament, would have prevented the kindling any more Fire in those Houses. But this was too well known to be suffer’d to pass; and therefore the next day, being *Sunday*, the Seditious Preachers fill’d all the Pulpits with Alarms of “Ruin and Destruction to the City, if a Peace were now offer’d to the King; and printed Papers were scatter’d through the Streets, and fixed upon Gates, Posts, and the most Publick Places in the City and Suburbs, requiring “All Persons well affected, to rise as one Man, and to come to the House of Commons next morning; for that “twenty thousand *Irish* Rebels were Landed; which information was likewise given that day in many Pulpits by their Preachers; and in other Papers likewise set up, it was declar’d, “That the Malignant Party had overvoted the Good, “and if not prevented there would be a Peace.

WHEN the minds of the People were thus prepar’d, *Pennington*, their own Lord Mayor, though on *Sunday* (on which they before complain’d the King used to sit in Council) called a Common Council; where a Petition was framed to the House of Commons, taking notice “Of Propositions passed “by the House of Peers for Peace, which if consented to, and “allow’d would be destructive to Religion, Laws, and Liberties; and therefore desir’d that House to pass an Ordinance, according to the Tenor of an Act of their Common Council (which they appointed to be annex’d to their Petition) “which was for the vigorous prosecuting the War, “and declining all thoughts of Accommodation. With this Petition, and such an Attendance as those preparatives were like

A Petition
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like to bring, the Lord Mayor himself, who, from the time of his Mayoralty, had forborn sitting in the House as a Member, came to the House of Commons and deliver'd it, with such farther insinuations of the temper of the City, as were fit for the purpose; the People at the door behaving themselves as imperiously, telling the Members of both Houses, as they pass'd by them, "That if they had not a good Answer, "They would be there the next day with double the Number.

The Lords complain'd of the Tumults, and sent to the Commons to joyn with them in their Suppression; instead whereof ^{whereupon} the Commons (many of their Body withdrawing for fear, and others by fear converted, or it may be by hope of prevailing) ^{the House of Commons} gave the City Thanks "For their Petition, Advice, and Cou- ^{rejected the Propositions} rage; and rejected the Propositions for Peace. ^{of the Lords.}

THIS raised a new contest in the City, which was not willing to lye under the perpetual brand of resisting and opposing Peace, as they did of first raising the War. And therefore the Wise and Sober part of it, would gladly have discover'd how averse they were from the late Act of the Common Council. But the late Execution of *Tomkins*, and *Chaloner*, and the advantage which was presently taken against any Man who was moderately inclined, frighted all Men from appearing in Person to desire those things upon which their Hearts were most set. In the end, the Women express'd greater Courage than the Men; and having a Precedent of a Rabble of that Sex, appearing in the beginning of these Distractions with a Petition to the House of Commons, to foment the Divisions, with acceptance and approbation, a great Multitude of the Wives of Substantial Citizens came to the House of Commons with a Petition for Peace. Thereupon a Troop of Horse, under the Command of one *Harvey*, a decayed Silk-man, who from the beginning had been one most Confidant in, were sent for; who behaved themselves with such Inhumanity, that they Charged among the silly Women, as an Enemy worthy of their Courage, and kill'd, and wounded many of them, and easily dispersed the rest. When they were by this means secured from farther vexation of this kind, special notice was taken of those Members who seem'd most importunate, and desirous of Peace, that some advantage might be taken against them. Whereupon, they well discerning the danger they were in, many both of the Peers, and the Commons, first absented themselves from the Houses, and then remov'd into those Quarters where they might enjoy the Protection of the King; and some of them came directly to Oxford.

HAVING diverted this Torrent, which would have brought Peace upon them before they were aware, they consider'd their

their strength, and applied themselves to the recovery of the Spirits of their General; whose indisposition troubled them more than any other distress they were in. To this Cure they apply'd Remedies of contrary Natures, which would yet work to the same end. First they caressed *Sr William Waller* with wonderful kindness and esteem; and as he was met upon his return to *London*, after the most total Defeat that could almost be imagin'd (for though few of his Horse were kill'd upon the place, they were so ruinously disperſed, that of above two thousand, there were not three hundred gotten together again for their Service) with all the Train'd-bands and Militia of *London*, and receiv'd as if he had brought the King Prisoner with him, so he was immediately chosen Governour and Commander in Chief of the Forces and Militia of *London*, for the Defence of the City; and it was now declar'd, "That they would forthwith supply him with a good Body of Horse, and Foot, to take the Field again, and relieve their distressed Friends in the West. Then another Ordinance was passed to raise a great Army, under the Command of the Earl of *Manchester* (who had been always steady to his first Principles, and never a Friend to any Overture of Accommodation) in order to opposing the Earl of *New-Castle*, and to take charge of all the Associated Counties; which were *Essex, Hertford, Cambridge, Norfolk, Suffolk, Huntington*, and (by a new addition) *Lincoln*; and for the speedy raising Men to joyn to those who would voluntarily lift themselves under these two beloved Generals, there was an Ordinance passed both Houses for the Pressing of Men; which seem'd somewhat to discredit their Cause, that, after so much pretence to the Hearts of the People, they should be now compell'd to Fight whether they would or no; and was the more wonder'd at, because they had themselves procured the King's Consent to an Act this Parliament, that declar'd it to be unlawful to press, or compel any of the freeborn Subjects to march out of the County in which they liv'd, if he were not willing so to do; and direction was given by other Ordinances to press great Numbers of Men, to serve both under the Earl of *Manchester*, and *Sr William Waller*; and having thus provided for the worst, and let the Earl of *Essex* discern, that they had another Earl to trust to, and more Generals than one at their Devotion, they sent a formal Committee of both Houses to him, to use all imaginable Art, and Application to him, to recover him to his former Vigour, and Zeal in their Cause. They told him "The high Value the Houses had of the Service he had done, and the hazards, dangers, and losses, he had for Their Sakes undergone: That he should receive as ample a Vindication for the Calumnies, and Aspersions raised

An Ordinance for raising an Army under the Earl of Manchester.

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“on him, as he could desire, from the full Testimony, and
“Confidence of the two Houses; and if the infamous Au-
“thors of them could be found, their punishment should be
“as notorious as their Libels: That no other Forces should
“be recruited till His were made up; and that all his Sol-
“diers Arrears should be paid, and Cloaths presently sent for
“his Foot.

WHETHER these Reasons, with the Jealousy of the Earl of *Manchester*, upon whom he plainly saw the Violent Party wholly depended, or the infusions pour’d into him by the Lord *Say*, and Mr *Pym*, of the desperateness of his own Condition, with an opinion, upon the differences between the two Princes and the Marquis of *Hertford*, that the Marquis’s Services were not enough valued by the King (which many desired should be thought to have then some influence upon the Earl) or whether he had not steadiness enough, to engage in so hazardous an Enterprize, he grew insensibly alter’d from his moderate inclinations, and desire of Peace; for it is most certain, that as the confidence in him gave many Lords the Spirit to appear Champions for Peace, who had been before as solicitous against it, so the design was then the same, which hath been since prosecuted, with effect to a worse purpose, that is, for the Members of both Houses who were of one mind, upon that signal Ryot, and compelling the House of Commons to renounce their former Resolution of Propositions to the King, to have gone to the Earl of *Essex*, and there, under the security of their own Army, to have protested against the violence which was offer’d, the breach of their Privileges by the Common Councils taking notice of their Councils, and over-ruling their Conclusions, and to have declared their want of Freedom: by means whereof, they made no doubt to have drawn the Houses to Consent to such an Agreement as the King would well have approved of; or to have enter’d upon such a Treaty themselves with the King, as all the moderate part of the Kingdom would have been glad to be comprehended under.

BUT this staggering in their General frustrated that design, and put them to other Resolutions; and so, having render’d themselves very ungracious in the Houses, and possibly suspecting the Earl of *Essex* might discover some of their Overtures, many of the Lords left the Town, and went either directly to *Oxford*, or into the King’s Quarters; the Earl of *Portland*, and the Lord *Lovelace* (of whose good Affections to his Service the King had always assurance, and who had only stay’d there, as at a place where they might do him more Service, than any where else) directly to *Oxford*; and the Lord *Conway*, shortly after them; the Earl of
Clare

The Earls of Bedford, and Holland, put themselves into the King's Quarters, as likewise some other of the Parliament Lords.

Clare into *Worcester-shire*, and from thence, by the King's free acceptation, to *Oxford*; there being no other objection against his Lordship, than his staying so long at *London*; but his total differing with them in all their extravagances, he having no manner of relation to the Court, render'd him to his Majesty's opinion under a very good Character. The Earls of *Bedford*, and *Holland*, not without some difficulty, their purpose being discover'd or suspected, got into the King's Garrison at *Wallingford*, from whence the Governour gave Advertisement of their Arrival; the Earl of *Northumberland*, with the leave of the House, retired for his health to his House at *Petworth* in *Sussex*; which, though it was in a County entirely then at the Parliament's devotion, yet it was near enough to be infested from some of the King's Quarters, if he had not some assurance of being safe there.

THE Violent Party carried now all before them; and were well contented with the Absence of those who used to give them some trouble, and vexation. For the better strengthening themselves with the People, they Order'd the Divines of the Assembly, to repair into the Country to their Cures, especially in the Counties of the Association under the Earl of *Manchester*, to stir up the People, with all their Eloquence, to Rise as one Man against their Sovereign; and omitted nothing within their power, which might contribute to the raising Men or Money; being not a little joyed when they understood the King had given them more time than they expected, to Compose all Disorders and Divisions among themselves, by his staying with his Army before *Glocester*; which they took to be the greater Blessing, and Preservation to them, because at the same time there were suddain Insurrections in *Kent* against their Ordinances and Jurisdiction, in Defence of the known Laws, and especially of the Book of Common Prayer; which, if the King's Army had been at any distance to have countenanced, they would never have been able to suppress.

THE fame of all these distractions and disorders at *London*, exceedingly dispos'd Men in all places to reproach his Majesty's stay before *Glocester*; his Friends at *London* desiring that his Majesty would march directly thither, to take the advantage of those Distractions; and the Lords of the Council at *Oxford*, upon the intelligence and advice from thence, were very solicitous that the King would take that resolution, to which he was himself enough inclin'd. But his Condition was believ'd to be, in both places, better than it was; and that he had now a Victorious Army, without an Enemy to restrain his motion; whereas, in truth, his was a weak Army, lessen'd exceedingly by the losses it sustain'd before *Bristol*;

Bristol; and when that part of it was march'd with Prince *Maurice* into the West, and which could not have march'd any other way, the King had not much above six thousand Foot to march with, though he left none at *Bristol*, but obliged my Lord *Hopton* to Garrison it as he could, which he shortly did; and that would have appear'd a very small Army to have march'd towards *London*; though it is true the Horse was a noble Body, and Superior in number to that of the Foot.

THERE was likewise another circumstance, that few Men were then acquainted with: Upon the first News of the taking of *Bristol*, his Majesty, before he left *Oxford*, had sent an Express to the Earl of *New-Castle*, who was then engaged before *Hull*, "That if he found the business of *Hull* to be more difficult than he expected, he should leave it block'd up at a distance, which might restrain Excursions into the Country, and march with his Army into the Associated Counties; which comprehended *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, *Cambridge-shire*, and *Essex*, &c. which had Associated themselves, by some Agreement, to serve the Parliament; though the better part of all those Counties, especially of the two greater, were most affected to the King, and wish'd for an opportunity to express it; and if the Earl would bring his Army through those Counties towards *London*, his Majesty would then resolve, with his own, to march towards it on the other side. And in the very time that his Majesty came before *Glocester*, and before he took the Resolution to sit down before it, that Express return'd from the Earl of *New-Castle*, who inform'd him, "that it was impossible for him to comply with his Commands, in marching with his Army into the Associated Counties, for that the Gentlemen of the Country, who had the best Regiments, and were among the best Officers, utterly refused to march, except *Hull* were first taken; and that he had not strength enough to march and to leave *Hull* securely block'd up: which Advertisement, with the consideration before mention'd, of the enlarging his Quarters by the taking of *Glocester*, and the Concurrence of all the Officers, that it would speedily be taken, produced the Resolution of Attempting it, notwithstanding that the Queen herself writ so importunately against it, that his Majesty thought it necessary to make a Journey himself to *Oxford*, to convince her Majesty, and to Compose some distempers which were risen among his Council there, upon the News of the Arrival of some of the Lords mention'd before in those Quarters.

THE King was newly sat down before *Glocester*, when the Governour of *Wallingford* sent notice to *Oxford*, of the Arrival

*Debates in
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Lords should
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val of those two Earls; to whom the Lords of the Council return'd direction, "That they should stay there, till the King's pleasure was understood; to whom the Secretary had sent the information, and desir'd his Majesty's Will concerning their reception. The King well knew, any Order he should give in it, would be liable to many objections, and he had not so good an inclination to either of them, as to run any inconvenience for their sakes; the Earl of *Bedford* having serv'd in Person against him, as the General of the Rebels Horse; and the Earl of *Holland*, in the King's opinion, having done worse. And therefore his Majesty Commanded, "That his Privy Council should Debate the matter among themselves, and present their opinion and advice to him, and he would then determine what kind of Entertainment they should have. The opinions at the board were several; some thought, "That his Majesty should receive them very graciously, and with all outward expressions of his acceptance of their return to his Service, and that the demeanour of all others to them should be such, as might make them think themselves very welcome, without the least taking notice of any thing formerly done amiss by them; which would be a great encouragement to others to come away too: So that the Numbers, and Quality of those who stay'd behind, would probably in a short time be so small, that they would have no reputation in the Kingdom to continue the War. Many differ'd diametrically from this; and were so far from thinking this advice agreeable to the dignity, or security of the King; that they thought it not fit "To admit them presently to the King's or Queen's presence, till by their good carriage and demeanour, they should give some testimony of their Affections: They had both taken the late Covenant, of which one Clause was, to assist the Forces rais'd by the Parliament, against the Army rais'd by the King; with many reproaches, and known scandals upon that Army. If they had felt a true remorse of Conscience for the ill they had done, they would have left that Party, when that Covenant was to be imposed upon them; which, since they did not, that they came now was to be imputed rather to the King's success, and the weakness of that power which they had hitherto serv'd, than to any reformation of their understanding, or improvement of their Allegiance: and that it was great reason, that they who had given such Arguments of just jealousy and suspicion of themselves, should raise a confidence in their Loyalty and Affection by some Act equal to the other; and therefore none who had taken that Covenant, should be admitted to the presence of the King, Queen, or Prince, before he had taken some other Oath or Covenant, "declaring

“declaring an equal hatred, and abhorring of the Rebellious
“Arms which were taken up against his Majesty, and the
“Counsels by which they were taken up.

It was said, “That the good, or ill reception of these
“Lords, could have no influence upon the Actions, or Deli-
“berations at *Westminster*, or *London*, or any considerable
“Persons there: that they were but single Men, without any
“considerable dependence upon them: Whilst they had Re-
“putation, and Interest enough to do good or hurt, and the
“King’s condition needed their attendance, they chose to be
“engaged against him; but now, when they were able to do
“him no more harm, they came to receive benefit and ad-
“vantage from him: That it was a common Argument Men
“used to alledge to themselves for their compliance with, and
“submission to, the Commands of the Parliament; that, if
“they did otherwise, their severity, and rigour was so great,
“that They and their Families were sure to be ruined; but,
“if the King prevailed, he was gracious and merciful, and
“would remit their Offences whensoever they cast themselves
“at his feet; which presumption if they should see confirm’d
“in this example, it would make the observation of Con-
“science and Loyalty of no price; and encourage those who
“were risen against him, and exceedingly dishearten those
“who had been honest and faithful from the beginning: That
“there could ensue no inconvenience from any reservedness
“and coldness towards them; for they durst not return to
“*London*, having now made themselves odious to that Party,
“and having no hope but from the acceptance of his Majesty;
“which they should merit before they found. There was a
third opinion between these extremes, “That they should be
“neither Courted nor Neglected, but be admitted to kiss the
“King’s and Queen’s hands, and to dispose themselves as they
“thought fit; and so to leave the rest to their future determi-
“nour: and to resolve which of these opinions to follow, was
another motive for his Majesty’s suddain Journey to *Oxford*.

THE King found greater alterations in the minds and spi-
rits at *Oxford*, than he expected after so much success as had
befallen him; and that success was it, that had made the alte-
ration; it being the unlucky temper of that place, and that
Company, to be the soonest and the most desperately cast
down upon any Misfortune or Loss, and to be again, upon any
Victory, the most elated, and the most apt to undervalue any
difficulties which remain’d. The taking *Bristol* had so pos-
sess’d them with joy, that they thought the War even at an
end, and that there was nothing left to be done, but to take
possession of *London*; which they were assured would be deli-
ver’d to them upon demand: many Members of both Houses

were come to *Oxford*, which assured them, "The violent People there, were even in despair; and after the News came "of the Surrender of *Bristol*, that they had only kept up their "spirits in hopes that the King would engage his Army in "the Siege of *Glocester*, which some of them had seem'd to "promise their Friends would be the Case: from whence they would infer, "That the King was betrayed, and that they who "had perswaded him to undertake that design, were corrupted "by the Parliament. And the Envy and Jealousy of all this fell upon Sr *John Colepepper*, who was indeed of the opinion for the Siege, but, without doubt, how much soever he suffer'd at that time, and afterwards, under that reproach, he believ'd there was very good reason for that Engagement, and was most free from any corrupt end, and of most sincere fidelity.

THIS discourse and imagination had made wonderful impression upon the Queen, who was inflamed with a jealousy that there was a design to lessen her Interest in the King, and that Prince *Rupert* was Chief in that Conspiracy, and meant to bring it to pass by keeping the King still in the Army, and by hindring his coming to *Oxford*: and out of this apprehension the Queen had written so warmly and concernedly to the King, who was the most incapable of any such apprehensions, and had her Majesty in so perfect an adoration, that as soon as he receiv'd that Letter, without delay he came to *Oxford*, and quickly compos'd those mistakes; though the being engaged before *Glocester* was still very grievous, and reproaches were publicly cast upon those who gave the advice.

BUT that which took up most of the time of that one day that the King stay'd at *Oxford*, was concerning the two Lords who were retain'd at *Wallingford*; which had been agitated in the Council with great passion before the King's coming. The King caus'd the Council to meet the next morning, and asked their advice, "Whether the Earls of *Bedford*, and of *Holland*, "should be admitted to come into *Oxford*, or obliged to return from whence they came? or, if admitted, how they "should be receiv'd, or countenanced by their Majesties? And it cannot be enough wonder'd at, that there should be any difference of opinion in that matter; but it cannot be express'd, with how much earnestness and unreasonableness the whole was debated, and how warmly even they, who in all other debates still express'd all moderation and temper, did now oppose the receiving these Lords with any grace, with more passion, and other reasons, than had been offer'd in their former Conferences; so that there was scarce known such an union in opinion at that board, in any thing, where disunion was very inconvenient.

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ALL exaggerated "The Carriage and foul ingratitude of
 "the Earl of *Holland* from the beginning of the Parliament ;
 "and the Earl of *Bedford's* being General of the Horse in the
 "Earl of *Essex's* Army ; and now when the Parliament was
 "low, and They had lost their credit and interest There,
 "they were come to the King, whom they had so much of-
 "fended ; and expected to be as much, it may be, more made
 "of, then they who had borne the heat of the day ; which
 "would so much reflect upon the King's Honour, that Men
 "would be exceedingly discouraged to serve him. Some
 "moved, "That they might be detain'd, and kept Prisoners of
 "War, since they came into the King's Quarters without any
 "Pass ; others, as plainly, and more vehemently pressed, "That
 "they might not be suffer'd to come to *Oxford*, or where the
 "King or Queen should be ; but permitted to live in some
 "other place within the King's Quarters, untill they should
 "manifest their Affections by some Service. They who
 "thought this too severe and unpolitick, proposed that they
 "might be suffer'd to come to *Oxford*, that thereby they might
 "be kept from returning to the Parliament (which appear'd
 "to most to be liable to many exceptions) "But that being at
 "*Oxford*, they should not come to Court ; and that no Privy
 "Counsellor should visit them.

IN this whole Debate, the Chancellor of the Exchequer,
 who seldom spoke without some earnestness, was the only
 Man (except another, who brought no credit to the opinion,
 the Lord *Saville*) who advis'd confidently, "That they might
 "be very graciously receiv'd by both their Majesties, and ci-
 "villy be visited, and treated by every Body ; that other Men
 "might, by the entertainment they receiv'd, be encouraged
 "to desert the Parliament too. He said, "It would be too
 "great a disadvantage to the King, and to his Cause, that
 "whilst the Parliament us'd all the industry and artifices, to
 "corrupt the Duty and Affection of the Subject, and had
 "their Arms open to receive and embrace all, who would
 "come to them, his Majesty should admit none to return to
 "him, who had been faulty, or not come so soon as they
 "ought to have done ; that if the King had a mind to gratify,
 "and oblige the Parliament, he could not do it more to their
 "hearts desire, than by rejecting the application of these Lords,
 "or suffering it to pass unregarded. There was one Argu-
 "ment against their admission urg'd very loudly, "That it
 "would disturb the Peace of the place ; the Earl of *Bedford*
 "had commanded that part of the Army, which infested the
 "Marquis of *Hertford*, at his being at *Sherborne*, when the Mar-
 "quis had sent *Harry Seymour*, as is mention'd before, with a
 "Challenge to the Earl to fight with him ; which the Earl rea-

sonably declined at that time; and said, "He would be ready, "when the business of the Parliament should be over, to wait "upon the Marquis when he should require it. And some Men, who were near enough to the Marquis's Counsels, undertook to know, that if the Earl of *Bedford* should be in *Oxford*, the Marquis, who was every day expected, would exact the performance of his promise; which sure he was too wise to do.

THE King, during the whole Debate, did not express any thing of his own Sense, save that he seem'd well pleas'd with any sharpness that was express'd towards the Earl of *Holland*. He said, "That he was bound to his good behaviour, by being "under the common reproach of inclining too much to those "who had us'd him worst; of which he would not be guilty: However, he did not think, at this time, that it would be good to make any Persons desperate; and therefore gave order, "That the Governour of *Wallingford* should permit them "to continue their Journey to *Oxford*; where all Men might "use what civilities they pleas'd to them; and that Himself, "and the Queen, would do that towards them, which upon "their application and address, they should think fit: and though this determination was given, without the least discovery of grace towards the Persons of those Lords, and not without some reflections of prejudice towards them, it was not grateful to the Table; which was evident enough by their Countenance. The next morning, the King return'd to the Army.

THERE had been, as is said, very great divisions in the Counsels at *Westminster*, from the time of the Treaty, and the very abrupt breaking it off; and the Earl of *Northumberland*, resenting the Affront done to him by *Martin*, had encreased those divisions; and the ill successes afterwards in the Defeat of *Waller*, and the taking of *Bristol*, had given every Man Courage to say what he would. And then the proceeding upon Mr *Waller's* discovery, and obliging all Men to take a desperate Engagement, which they durst not refuse, for fear of being declared guilty of the Plot, as many of them were, incens'd very many: but above all, the prosperity of the King's Affairs made every Body wish to come into his Quarters. A great Number of the House of Commons, who were known always to wish well, came to *Oxford*: and of the Peers, the Earl of *Portland*, who was always very faithful to the King, and had stay'd in the House of Peers by his Majesty's leave, and had been accus'd by Mr *Waller* to be privy to that design, upon which he had endured a long imprisonment, came at this time to *Oxford*, as is said before, together with the Lord *Conway*, and the Lord *Lovelace*; the former of which had been

been likewise question'd, and imprison'd, and the latter had been as knowing of the matter, and of constant duty to the King; and all three had gotten liberty, and opportunity to come away by swallowing that Vow, and Oath, which could only set them free, and which they made haste to Answer for to the King. The Return of the Earl of *Essex* to *London* in ill humour, had given opportunity to the Earl of *Holland*, and the rest, who were weary of the work in hand, to inflame him to resentment of the neglects which had been put upon him, and the jealousies which were entertain'd of him. The Earl of *Bedford* had given up his Commission of General of the Horse, and quitted the Service, and never had any Affection to their ways in his Judgment. The Earl of *Clare* had been with the King at *Tork*, and had his leave to return to *London*, to intend his own particular Affairs; and during his stay, had never concurred in any malicious Counsel against the King, but was look'd upon as a Man, not only firm to the Principles of Monarchy, but of Duty to the Person of the King. He was a Man of Honour, and of Courage, and would have been an excellent Person, if his heart had not been set too much upon the keeping, and improving his Estate; he was weary of the Company he kept, and easily hearken'd to the Earl of *Holland*, in any Consultation how to recover the King's Authority, and to put an end to the War. The Earl of *Essex* was, as is said before, enough provoked, and incensed, and willingly heard all the Lords, and others, who inveighed against the violent Proceedings of those who sway'd the Parliament, and differ'd not with them in his judgment of the Men, and the Matter: so that they believ'd that he would as readily be disposed to agree upon the Remedy, as he did upon the Disease.

THEIR end and design was, as I said, if they could draw him to a concurrence, that they, and all the rest of those who were accounted Moderate Men, that is who desir'd a Peace, and to return to their duty to the King (which were much the Major part of both Houses that remain'd at *Windsor*, after so many of both were gone to the King) might all go to the Army; and thereupon the General, and they, to write to the Parliament together, and to send such Propositions to them, as the Parliament should transmit to the King, as the Conditions of Peace. If the King should refuse to consent to them, it would be an infallible way to unite all People to compel him to it: but if the Parliament would refuse to transmit those Propositions to the King, or to consent to a Peace upon those Conditions, they would then declare against them, for not adhering to the grounds upon which the War was first begun, and would joyn themselves to the King to

force them to it. If this had been done in that conjuncture when the Authority and Credit of the Earl of *Essex* was not yet eclipsed, and before an Independent Army was raised, which was shortly after done, it could not probably have failed of the success desired. But the Earl was too scrupulous and too punctual to that which he called a Trust; and this was too barefaced a separation for him to engage in: Besides that he did believe, that he should be able to suppress that Violent Party by the Parliament it self, and he thought that would bring all about which he desir'd; and so he did not only reject what was propos'd to him, but express'd such a dislike of the Earl of *Holland* for proposing it, that he thought it high time to get himself out of his reach. The Earl of *Holland* who always consider'd Himself in the first place, had, from the time of the Queen's Landing, privately made offer of his Service to the Queen, and renew'd his old Confidence and Friendship with Mr *Jermyn*; and knowing well to enhance the value of his own Service, made great promises of notable Service; and Mr *Jermyn* easily perswaded her Majesty, "That it was much better for her to restore an old Servant, whom she knew so well, to her Confidence (though he had stepped out of the way) than to rely upon the Fidelity of any of those, who were now about the King, and who were all upon the matter strangers to her, at least not enough known by her; and then, "That by laying hold upon this opportunity, she would, at her first coming to the King, carry his Restoration with her, possess her self of the whole frame of his business, because all other designs would be laid aside; and so all the good, that would redound to the King and Kingdom from this new Negotiation, must, by the consent of all the World, be attributed to her Majesty's Wisdom and Conduct. This appearing hopeful to her Majesty, and all that had any thing of Hope was by the other always look'd upon as certain, the correspondence was embraced; and the Earl assur'd not only to be restor'd to his former Station in all respects, but to a Title to new Interests. And upon this encouragement and obligation, when he found he could not prevail with the Earl of *Essex*, that the King's Affairs prosper'd, and that *Bristol* was now taken, and the Queen come to *Oxford*, he resolv'd Himself to go thither, and prevailed with the Earls of *Bedford*, and *Clare*, to do the like; he assuring them, that they should be very well receiv'd. The Earl of *Clare* made his Journey by himself, out of the Common Road, and came without any interruption into *Oxford*, at the time appointed: The Earl of *Bedford*, and *Holland*, came together to *Wallingford*, as is mention'd. The Earl of *Northumberland*, who was naturally suspicious, went to his own House at *Petworth*

Petworth in *Suffex*: by which he thought he shew'd averfion enough to the Counfels at *Westminster*, and would keep it in his own power to return, if he found that the reception of the other Lords at *Oxford* was not answerable to their expectation; besides that he would expect the result of the Lord *Conway's* Negotiation, who was more trusted by him than any other.

THE leave for the two Earls to come from *Wallingford* to *Oxford*, was declar'd but the night before the King return'd to the Army; and was not sent thither till the next day. So that the Lords came not to *Oxford* till two days after, much mortified with the time they had been forced to spend at *Wallingford*, and with the disputation, they heard, had been held concerning them; of which they had receiv'd so particular information, that the Earl of *Holland* writ a very Civil Letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer before he came to *Oxford*, taking notice of "The Affection he had shew'd to him in his advice to the King. Both of them had Friends enough there to provide for their Accommodation in convenient Lodgings; so that the one had a Lodging at *Magdalen* College in *Oxford*, of which House he had formerly been a Member; the other lay in *Baliol* College, where he had a Daughter, who spared him part of her Lodgings. But for any application to them by the Lords, or Persons in Authority there, they had no reason to think themselves very welcome. They went, in the first place, to do their Duties to the Queen; who receiv'd them coldly enough, not out of disinclination, or unwillingness to shew them any countenance, but pure compliance with the ill humour of the Town, which she detested: nor did Mr *Fermyn*, who still valued himself upon the impossible faculty to please all, and displease none, think fit to deal clearly with them in that point (having, probably, said more in his Letters of Correspondence and Advice, than he had Authority to do; it being his custom to write, and speak, what was most grateful to the Persons) so that the Earl of *Holland*, with whom alone the Correspondence had been, began to think himself betray'd, and invited to *Oxford* only to be exposed to contempt. He came one morning to visit the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when there were the Lord *Cottingham*, and two or three other Privy Counsellors with him, who all went presently away, without so much as saluting him; which offended the Chancellor as much as it did Him; and in truth oblig'd the Chancellor to more Ceremony and Civility, than, it may be, he would otherwise have practiced: so that he did visit him again, and made all professions and offers of kindness and service to him; which he did very heartily; and comply'd therein, not only with his own inclinations, but with his judgment, as very important to the King's Service; and

did all he could to induce others to be of the same opinion; in which he had no great success.

THE Intelligence from *London* brought, every day, the Resolution of the Parliament, "To relieve *Glocester*; and that, if their Levies did not supply them with Men soon enough, the Train'd-bands of the City would march out with the General for that Service: whereupon the three Earls, *Bedford*, *Holland*, and *Clare*, after some days stay in *Oxford*, thought it necessary to offer their Service to the King in the Army, and to bear their part in any danger that might happen by an Engagement between the Armies; and so went together to *Glocester*; where the King receiv'd them without any disrespect, and spoke with them as they gave him occasion.

The King's
Affairs in
the west.

WHILST the King continued before *Glocester*, his Forces in the West moved with a full gale and tide of success. The Earl of *Carnarvon* march'd with the Horse and Dragoons, being near two thousand, into *Dorset-shire*, two days before Prince *Maurice* moved with his Foot and Canon from *Bristol*, and had made a fair entrance upon the Reduction of that whole County, before his Highness overtook him; and it was thought then, that if the Prince had march'd more slowly, the Earl had perfected that work. Upon the Surrender of *Bristol*, many of the Gentlemen, and others of that County, who were engaged in that City for the Parliament, had visited their Houses, and Friends, in their Journey to *London*, whither by their Safe Conduct they went, and had made such prodigious discourses of the Fierceness and Courage of the Cavaliers (as most Men who run away, or are beaten, extol the power of the Enemy which had been too hard for them) that resisting them begun to be thought a matter impossible. One Mr *Strode*, a Man much relied on in those parts, and of a good Fortune, after he had visited his House, took *Dorchester* in his way to *London*, and being desir'd by the Magistrates, "To view their Works and Fortifications, and to give his Judgment of them; after he had walked about them, he told them, "That those Works might keep out the Cavaliers about half an hour; and then told them strange stories of the manner of Assaulting *Bristol*; "And that the King's Soldiers "made nothing of running up Walls twenty foot high, and "that no Works could keep them out; which he said not out of any purpose to betray them (for no Man wish'd the King's Army worse success) but had really so much horror, and consternation about him, and the dreadful Image of the Storm of *Bristol* imprinted in his mind, that he did truly believe, they had scaled all those Forts and Places which were deliver'd to them; and he propagated this fear and trepidation so fruitfully where he came, that the Earl of *Carnarvon* came

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no sooner near *Dorchester* with his Horse and Dragons (which it may be, was understood to be the Van of the Victorious Army which had taken *Bristol*) but the Town sent Commissioners to him to Treat; and upon Articles of ^{Dorchester} ~~Indemnity~~ ^{Surrender'd.} that they should not be plunder'd, and not suffer for the ill they had done, deliver'd up the Town (which was strongly Situated, and might very well have been Defended by the spirits of these People, if they had Courage equal to their Malice; for a place more entirely disaffected to the King, *England* had not) with all their Arms, Ammunition, and Ordnance. The Fame of the Earl's coming had before frighted *St. Walter Earl*, who had for a long time Besieged *Corfe Castle* (the House of the Lord Chief Justice *Banks*, defended by his Lady with her Servants, and some few Gentlemen, and Tenants, who betook themselves thither for Her assistance, and their own security) from that Siege; and he making more haste to convey himself to *London*, than Generals use to do, who have the care and charge of others, his Forces were presently dispersed. And now the Surrender of *Dorchester* (the Magazine from whence the other places were supplied with principles of Rebellion) infused the same spirit into *Weymouth*, ^{Weymouth} a very convenient Harbour and Haven: and that example ^{and Port-} again prevailed on the Island and Castle of *Portland* (a place ^{land sur-} not enough understood, but of wonderful importance) to all ^{surrender'd to} which the Earl granted fair Conditions, and receiv'd them into ^{the King's} his Majesty's Protection. ^{Forces.}

HITHER Prince *Maurice* came now up with Foot and Canon, and neglecting to follow the Train of the Enemies fears to *Lyme*, and *Poole*, the only two Garrisons then left in their possession, stay'd with his Army about *Dorchester* and *Weymouth* some days, under the Notion of settling and disposing the Government of those Garrisons. Here the Soldiers, taking advantage of the famous Malignity of those places, used great licence; neither was there care taken to observe those Articles which had been made upon the Surrender of the Towns; which the Earl of *Carnarvon*, who was full of Honour and Justice upon all Contracts, took so ill, that he quitted the Command he had with those Forces, and return'd to the King before *Glocester*; which publish'd the injustice with the more scandal. Whether this licence, which was much spoken of, and, no doubt, given out to be greater than it was, aliened the Affections of those Parts, or whether the absence of the Marquis of *Hertford* from the Army, which was not till then taken notice of, begot an apprehension that there would not be much Lenity used towards those who had been high, and pertinacious Offenders, or whether this Army, when it was together, seem'd less formidable than it was before

Prince Maurice comes before Exeter with his Army.

fore conceiv'd to be, or that the terror which had possess'd and seiz'd upon their Spirits, was so violent that it could not continue, and so Men grew less amazed, I know not: but those two small Towns, whereof *Lyme* was believ'd considerable, return'd so peremptory a refusal to the Prince's Summons, that his Highness resolv'd not to attack them; and so march'd to *Exeter*, where he found all things in better order, and that City more distressed, than he had reason to expect, by the diligence and dexterity of *Sr John Berkley*, who being sent from *Wells* by the Marquis of *Hertford*, as is before remember'd, to govern the Affairs of *Devon-shire*, with one Regiment of Horse, and another of new Levied and half-arm'd Foot, had so encreas'd his Numbers by the concurrence of the Gentlemen of that County, that he fix'd strong Quarters within less than a Mile of the City, and kept his Guards even to the Gates; when the Earl of *Stamford* was within, with a strength, at least equal in number to the Besiegers.

The Earl of Warwick with his Fleet attempts the relief of it, but succeeds not.

THE Parliament commended the Relief of this place, by special instructions, to their Admiral the Earl of *Warwick*; after whose having made shew of Landing Men in several places upon the Coast, and thereby compelled *Sr John Berkley* to make quick and wearisome marches with Horse and Dragoons from place to place, the wind coming fair, the Fleet left those who attended their Landing about *Totnes*, turn'd about, and with a fresh Gale made towards the River, that leads to the Walls of *Exeter*, and having the Command of both sides of the River, upon a flat, by their Cannon, the Earl presumed that way he should be able to send Relief into the City; but the diligence, and providence of *Sr John Berkley* had fortunately cast up some slight Works upon the advantageous Nookes of the River, in which his Men might be in some security from the Cannon of the Ships; and made great haste with his Horse to hinder their Landing; and so this Attempt was not only without success, but so unfortunate, that it discouraged the Sea-men from endeavouring the like again. For after three or four hours pouring their great shot, from their Ships, upon the Land Forces, the Tide falling, the Earl of *Warwick* fell off with his Fleet, leaving three Ships behind him, of which one was burnt, and the other two taken from the Land, in view of his whole Fleet; which no more look'd after the Relief of *Exeter* that way.

WHILST all the King's Forces were employ'd in the blocking up the Town, and attending the Coast, to wait upon the Earl of *Warwick*, the Garrison of *Plymouth* encreas'd very fast, into which the Fleet disburthen'd themselves of all they could spare; and the North Parts of *Devon-shire* gather'd
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apace into a head for the Parliament; *Barnstable*, and *Bedford*, being Garrison'd by them; which having an uninterrupted line of Communication with *Plymouth*, resolv'd to joyn their whole strength, and so to compel the Enemy to draw off from the Walls of *Exeter*, which had been very easy to have been done, if they in the City had been as active for their own Preservation. *Sr John Berkley* having notice of this Preparation and Resolution, sent Colonel *John Digby* (who had from their first entrance into *Cornwal*, Commanded the Horse) with his own Regiment of Horse, and some loose Troops of Dragoons, into the North of *Devon*, to hinder the joyning of the Rebels Forces. He chose *Torrington* for his Quarter, and within few days drew to him a Troop of new raised Horse, and a Regiment of Foot, raised by his old Friends in *Cornwal*; so that he had with him above three hundred Horse, and six or seven hundred Foot. Those of *Bedford*, and *Barnstable*, being Superior in Number, and apprehending that the King's Successes Eastward, might encrease his Strength and Power There, and weaken theirs, resolv'd to try their Fortunes; and joyning themselves together, to the Number of above twelve hundred Foot, and three hundred Horse, under the Command of Colonel *Bennet*, hoped to surprize Colonel *John Digby* at *Torrington*; and he was upon the matter surpris'd: for albeit he had notice in the Night from *Barnstable*, "That the Forces drew out thence to *Bedford* in the Night, and that they intended to fall on his Quarters early in the Morning; and thereupon put himself into a posture to receive them, and drew up all his Forces together out of the Town, upon such a piece of ground, as, in that inclosed County, could be most advantageous for his Horse, having, through all the little Inclosure, cut Gaps, through which his Horse might enter; yet after he had attended their coming till Noon, and heard no more of them, and his small Parties, which were sent out to enquire, return'd with assurance, that there was no appearance of an Enemy, he believ'd they had given over their design; and so dismissed his Horse to their several Quarters, reserving only one hundred and fifty upon their Guard, and return'd himself into the Town with the Foot.

BUT within less than an hour, he receiv'd the Alarm, "That the Enemy was within half a Mile of the Town. The Confusion was very great, so that he resolv'd not to draw the Foot out of the Town; but having placed them in the best manner he could, upon the Avenues, himself went to the Horse out of the Town, resolving to wait upon the Rear of the Enemy; who were drawn up on the same piece of ground, on which he had expected them all the Morning. The Colonel

Dr John
Digby
Routs the
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Forces at
Torrington

lonel, whose Courage, and Vivacity upon Action, was very eminent, and commonly very fortunate, intended rather to look upon them; than to engage with them, before his other Troops came up; but having divided his small Party of Horse, the whole consisting but of one hundred and fifty, into several Parties, and distributed them into several little Clofes, out of which there were Gaps into the larger ground, upon which the Enemy stood, a Forelorn Hope of fifty Musqueteers advanced towards that ground where himself was, and if they had recover'd the Hedge, they would easily have driven him thence. And therefore, as the only expedient left, himself taking four or five Officers into the Front with him, Charged that Forelorn Hope; which immediately threw down their Arms, and run upon their own Body, and carried so infectious a fear with them, that without making a stand, or their Horse offering once to Charge, the whole Body Routed themselves, and fled; Colonel *Digby* following the execution with his Horse, till their Swords were blunted with slaughter, and his Numbers over-burthen'd with Prisoners; though the Foot out of the Town hasten'd to the chase, as soon as they saw what terror had possessed their Enemies.

IN this Action (for it cannot be called a Battle; hardly a Skirmish; where no resistance was made) there were near two hundred kill'd, and above two hundred taken Prisoners, and those that fled contributed more to the Victory, than the Prisoners, or the slain, for they were scatter'd and dispersed over all the Country, and scarce a Man without a cut over the Face and Head, or some other hurt; that wrought more upon the Neighbours towards their Conversion, than any Sermon could be Preach'd to them. Some of the Principal Officers, and of their Horse, got into *Bedford*, and *Barnstable*; and not considering the inconvenience of acknowledging, that God was extraordinary propitious to the Cavaliers, told strange stories of "The horror and fear that seized upon them, and "that no body saw above six of the Enemy, that Charged "them; which proved a greater dismay to their Friends, than their Defeat.

Barnstable
and Bedi-
ford yielded
to him.

AT this time came Prince *Maurice* to *Exeter*, the fame of whose arrival brought a new terror, so that the Fort at *Apple-dore*, which commanded the River to *Barnstable* and *Bedford*, being deliver'd to Colonel *Digby*, within two or three days after his Victory, those two Towns shortly after submitted to his Majesty, upon promise of Pardon, and such other Articles as were of course; which Colonel *Digby* saw precisely observ'd, as far as concern'd the Towns in point of plunder, or violence towards the Inhabitants. And this success so wrought upon the Spirits, and Temper of that People, that all the Persons of eminent

eminent disaffection withdrawing themselves, according to their liberty by the Articles; Colonel *Digby*, within very few days, encreased his small Party to the Number of three thousand Foot, and eight hundred Horse; with which he was by Prince *Maurice* order'd to march to *Plymouth*, and to block up that place from making incurfions into the Country.

THE loss of all their Garrisons on the North Coast, and despair of succour or relief from any other place, prevailed with the Earl of *Stamford*, and that Committee in *Exeter* (to whom the Earl was not superior) to Treat with the Prince; and thereupon Articles were agreed to; and that rich and pleasant City was deliver'd on the fourth of *September*, which was within fourteen or sixteen days after Prince *Maurice* came thither, into the King's protection, after it had suffer'd no other distress, or impression from the Besiegers, than the being kept from taking the Air without their own Walls, and from being supplied from the Country Markets.

THERE was an accident fell out a little before this time, that gave new Argument of trouble to the King, upon a difference between Prince *Maurice* and the Marquis. It hath been said, that the Earl of *Carnarvon*, who was General of the Horse of the Western Army, had march'd from *Bristol* the day before the Prince, and had taken *Dorchester*, and *Weymouth*, before his Highness came up to the Army, both considerable places, and the Seats of great Malignaity. The former was not thought necessary to be made a Garrison, but the latter was the best Port Town of that Country, and to be kept with great care. The Marquis had made some promise of the Government thereof, when it should be taken (of which they made no doubt) to Sr *Anthony Ashley Cooper*, a young Gentleman of that Country, of a fair and plentiful Fortune, and one, who in the opinion of most Men, was like to advance the place by being Governour of it, and to raise Men for the defence of it, without lessening the Army; and had, in expectation of it, made some provision of Officers and Soldiers, when it should be time to call them together. Prince *Maurice*, on the other side, had some other Person in his view, upon whom he intended to confer that charge, when it should fall. In the moment that the Town was taken, and before the Prince came thither, Sr *Anthony*, hearing that the Marquis came not with the Army, but remain'd some time at *Bristol*, made all the haste he could to him, and came thither the same day the King left it; and apply'd himself to the Marquis, who remember'd his promise, and thought himself obliged to make it good, and that it was in his power so to do, since it appear'd, that the Town was taken before the King had declared to him, that he should not go to the Army; till when

when he ought to be looked upon as General of it. He conferr'd with the Chancellor of the Exchequer upon it, as a matter in which his Honour was concern'd, and on which his heart was set. *Sr Aubrey* came likewise to him, who was of his acquaintance, and desired his assistance, "That, after so much charge he had been put to, in the expectation of it, and to prepare for it, he might not be expos'd to the Mirth, and Contempt of the Country. It was evident that if he return'd with the Commission from the Marquis (which he was most inclined to give him) both He and the Commission would be affronted, and the Town would not be suffer'd to submit to him. Therefore the Chancellor was of opinion, that there was no way but to appeal to the King, and desire his Favour, as well as his Justice, in giving his Commission to the Person design'd by the Marquis; which would remove that part of the exception, which would most trouble the Prince; and he offer'd to write himself very earnestly to the King. Besides his desire to gratify the Marquis, he did in truth believe it of great importance to his Majesty's Service, to engage a Person of such a Fortune and Interest, so thoroughly in his quarrel, as he then believ'd such an obligation must needs do; the flexibility and instability of that Gentleman's nature, not being then understood, or suspected.

He did write, with all the skill and importunity he could use, to the King; and writ to the Lord *Falkland*, "To take *Sr John Colepepper* with him, if he found any aversion in the King, that they might together discourse, and prevail with him. But his Majesty positively and obstinately refused to grant it; and said, "He would not, to please the Marquis in an unjust pretence, put a publick disobligation and affront upon his Nephew. So the express return'd without effect, and the Marquis was as sensibly touched as could be imagin'd; and said, "That he was fallen from all credit with the King, and was made incapable of doing him farther Service; that his Fidelity should never be lessen'd towards him (as in truth he was incapable of a disloyal thought) "but since he was become so totally useless to the King, and to his Friends, he hoped his Majesty would give him leave to retire to his own House; where, he doubted not, he should be suffer'd to live privately, and quietly, to pray for the King. The Chancellor knew well the nature of the Marquis, that would never give him leave to pursue any Resolution which he found might prove inconvenient to his Majesty, for whom he had all possible duty; yet he knew too, that the mischief was not small, from the observation that the Marquis thought himself ill used, and that there were too many who would take the opportunity

opportunity to foment those Jealousies and Discontents ; and therefore resolv'd (having dispatch'd all things which were incumbent on him at *Bristol*, and used all freedom with the Marquis, for the dispelling all troublesome imaginations) to go himself to the King, and to represent that affair to him, and the probable consequences of it, with new Instances. And at last, with very great difficulty, he did so far prevail with his Majesty, that he gave a Commission to *St Anthony Ashley Cooper*, to be Governour of *Weymouth* ; which he was the more easily perswaded to, out of some prejudice he had to the Person, who, he understood, was design'd to that Government. However, the Marquis receiv'd it as a seasonable Act of favour to himself, and in a short time after, came from *Bristol* to *Oxford*, to attend upon his Majesty according to his Command.

At *Glocester* the business proceeded very slowly : for though the Army encreased wonderfully there, by the access of Forces from all Quarters, yet the King had neither Money nor materials requisite for a Siege, and they in the Town behaved themselves with great Courage and Resolution, and made many sharp and bold Sallies upon the King's Forces, and Did more hurt commonly than they Receiv'd ; and many Officers of Name, besides common Soldiers, were slain in the Trenches, and Approaches ; the Governour leaving nothing unperform'd that became a vigilant Commander. Sometimes, upon the Sallies, the Horse got between the Town and Them, so that many Prisoners were taken, who were always drunk ; and, after they were recover'd, they confess'd, " That the Governour always gave the Party that made the Sally, as much " Wine and strong Water as they desir'd to drink : so that it seems their mettle was not purely natural ; yet it is very observable, that in all the time the King lay there with a very glorious Army, and after the taking of a City of much greater name, there was no one Officer run from the Town to him, nor above three common Soldiers, which is a great Argument, the discipline within was very good. Besides the loss of Men before the Town, both from the Walls, and by sickness (which was not greater than was to be reasonably expected) a very great License broke into the Army both among Officers and Soldiers ; the malignity of those parts being thought excuse for the exercise of any rapine, or severity among the Inhabitants. Inasmuch as it is hardly to be credited, how many thousand Sheep were in a few days destroyed, besides what were brought in by the Commissaries for a regular provision ; and many Country Men imprison'd by Officers without Warrant, or the least knowledge of the King's, till they had paid good Sums of Money, for their Delinquency ; all which brought

The Prosecution of the Siege of Glocester.

brought great clamour upon the Discipline of the Army, and Justice of the Officers, and made them likewise less prepared for the Service they were to expect.

IN the mean time nothing was left at *London* unattempted, that might advance the preparation for the relief of *Glocester*. All Overtures of Peace were suppress'd, and the City purely at the Devotion of those who were most Violent, who put one compliment upon them at this time, that is not to be pass'd over. It is remember'd before, that, at the beginning of these distractions, before the King's going into the North, his Majesty had, upon the reiterated importunity of the two Houses, made *St John Coniers* Lieutenant of the Tower of *London*; who was a Soldier of very good estimation, and had been the Lieutenant General of his Horse in that last preparation against the *Scots*, and Governour of *Berwick*. The Parliament thought, by this obligation, to have made him their own Creature, and desir'd to have engag'd him in some active Command in their Armies, having the Reputation of one of the best Officers of Horse of that time. But he warily declined that engagement, and contain'd himself within the limits of that place, which, by the multitude of Prisoners, sent to the Tower by the two Houses, and the excessive Fees they paid, yielded him a vast profit; in the administration whereof, he was so impartial, that those Prisoners who suffer'd most for his Majesty, found no more favour or indulgence from him, than the rest. About this time, either discerning that they grew to Confide less in him, than they had done, and that he must engage himself in their Service, or should shortly lose the benefit of their good opinion, or really abhorring to be so near those Actions he saw every day committed, and to lie under the scandal of keeping his Majesty's only Fort which he could not apply to his Service, he desired leave from the Houses, "To go into *Holland*, where his Education had been, and his Fortune was, without obliging himself to a time of return. The Proposition was not unwelcome to the Houses; and thereupon they immediately committed that charge, the Custody of the Tower of *London*, to the Lord Mayor *Pennington*; that the City might see they were trusted to hold their own Reins, and had a jurisdiction committed to them which had always juttled with their own. This compliment serv'd to a double purpose; for thereby, as they made the City believe they had put themselves under their protection, so they were sure, they had put the City under the power, or under the apprehension of the power of him, who would never forsake them out of an Appetite to Peace.

THE Earl of *Essex* now declared, that he would himself undertake the relief of *Glocester*, whereas before *St William Waller*

The Custody
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by the two
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Waller was design'd to it, and, whencesoever it proceeded, was return'd to his old full alacrity against the King, and recover'd those Officers and Soldiers again to him, who had absented by his Connivance, or upon an opinion that he would march no more; yet his Numbers increased not so fast as the occasion requir'd: for Colonel *Masse* found means to send many Messengers out of the Town, to advertise the streights he was in, and the time that he should be able to hold out. Their Ordinance of Pressing, though executed with unusual rigour, inasmuch as Persons of good Fortunes, who had retired to *London*, that they might be less taken notice of, were seized on, and detain'd in Custody, till they paid so much Money, or procur'd an able Man to go in their places, brought not in such a supply as they expected; and such as were brought in, and deliver'd to the Officers, declared such an averiness to the work to which they were design'd, and such a Peremptory resolution not to Fight, that they only increased their Numbers, not their Strength, and run away upon the first opportunity. In the end, they had no other resort for Men, but to those who had so constantly supplied them with Money, and prevailed with their true Friends, the City, which they still alarm'd with the King's irreconcilableness to them, to send three or four of their Train'd-band Regiments, or Auxiliaries, to Fight with the Enemy at that distance, rather than to expect him at their own Walls, where they must be assured to see him as soon as *Glocester* should be reduced; and then they would be as much perplex'd with the Malignants within, as with the Enemy without their City.

UPON such Arguments, and the power of the Earl of *Essex*, so many Regiments of Horse and Foot as he desired, were assign'd to march with him; and so, towards the end of *August*, he march'd out of *London*; and having appointed a Rendezvous near *Aylesbury*, where he was met by the Lord *Essex Grey*, and other Forces of the Associated Counties, from thence he marched by easy Journeys towards *Glocester*, with an Army of above eight thousand Foot, and four thousand Horse. It would not at first be credited at the Leaguer, that the Earl of *Essex* could be in a condition to attempt such a work; and therefore they were too negligent upon the Intelligence, and suspected rather that he would give some Alarm to *Oxford*, where the Queen was, and thereby hope to draw the Army from *Glocester*, than that in truth he would venture upon so tedious a march, where he must pass over a Campaigne near thirty miles in length, where half the King's Body of Horse would distress, if not destroy his whole Army, and through a Country eaten bare, where he could find neither Provision for Man nor Horse; and if he should, without interruption, be

suffer'd to go into *Glocester*, he could neither stay there, nor possibly retire to *London*, without being destroy'd in the Rear by the King's Army, which should nevertheless not engage it self in the hazard of a Battle. Upon these conclusions they proceeded in their works before *Glocester*, their Galleries being near finish'd, and visibly a great want of Ammunition in the Town; yet the Lord *Wilmot* was appointed, with a good Party of Horse, to wait about *Banbury*, and to retire before the Enemy, if he should advance towards *Glocester*, and to give such impediments to their March, as in such a Country might be easy to do; Prince *Rupert* himself staying with the Body of Horse, upon the Hills above *Glocester*, to joyn, if the Earl of *Essex* should be so hardy as to venture.

The Siege of
Glocester
rais'd.

THE Earl came to *Brackley*, and having there taken in from *Leicester* and *Bedford*, the last recruits upon which he depended, he march'd steadily over all that Campagne, which they thought he fear'd, towards *Glocester*; and though the King's Horse were often within view, and entertain'd him with light Skirmishes, he pursued his direct way; the King's Horse still retiring before him, till the Foot was compelled to raise the Siege, in more disorder and distraction, than might have been expected; and so with less loss, and easier Skirmishes, than can be imagin'd, the Earl, with his Army and Train, march'd to *Glocester*; where he found them reduced to one single Barrel of Powder; and all other Provisions answerable. And it must be confess'd, that Governour gave a stop to the Career of the King's good Success, and from his pertinacious defence of that place, the Parliament had time to recover their broken Forces, and more broken Spirits; and may acknowledge to this rise, the greatness to which they afterwards aspir'd.

THE Earl of *Essex* stayed in that joyful Town (where he was receiv'd with all possible demonstrations of Honour) three days; and in that time, which was as wonderful as any part of the Story, caus'd all necessary Provisions to be brought in to them, out of those very Quarters in which the King's Army had been sustain'd, and which they conceiv'd to be entirely spent: So solicitous were the People to conceal what they had, and to reserve it for them; which, without a Connivance from the King's Commissaries, could not have been done. All this time, the King lay at *Sudley-Castle*, the House of the Lord *Chandois*, within eight Miles of *Glocester*, watching when that Army would return; which, they conceiv'd, stay'd rather out of Despair than Election, in those eaten Quarters; and, to open them a way for their Retreat, his Majesty remov'd to *Escham*, hoping the Earl would choose to go back the same way he came; which, for many reasons,

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was to be desired; and thereupon the Earl march'd to *Tewkesbury*, as if he had no other purpose. The King's Horse, though bold, and vigorous upon Action, and Execution, were always less patient of Duty and ill Accommodation than they should be; and at this time, partly with weariness, and partly with the indisposition that possess'd the whole Army upon this Relief of the Town, were less vigilant towards the motion of the Enemy: So that the Earl of *Essex* was march'd with his whole Army and Train from *Tewkesbury*, four and twenty hours before the King heard which way he was gone: for he took the advantage of a dark night, and having sure Guides, reached *Cirencester*, before the breaking of the Day; where he found two Regiments of the King's Horse quarter'd securely; all which, by the negligence of the Officers (a common and Fatal Crime throughout the War, on the King's part) he surpris'd, to the number of above three hundred; and which was of much greater value, he found there a great quantity of Provisions, prepared, by the King's Commissaries, for the Army before *Glocester*, and which they neglected to remove after the Siege was rais'd, and so most foolishly left it for the Relief of the Enemy, far more apprehensive of Hunger than of the Sword; and indeed this wonderful supply strangely exalted their Spirits, as sent by the special care and extraordinary hand of Providence, even when they were ready to faint.

The Earl of Essex in his return seized upon Cirencester.

FROM hence the Earl, having no farther apprehension of the King's Horse, which he had no mind to encounter upon the open Campaign, and being at the least twenty Miles before him, by easy marches, that his sick and wearied Soldiers might overtake him, moved, through that deep and enclosed County of North *Wiltshire*, his direct way to *London*. As soon as the King had sure notice which way the Enemy was gone, he endeavour'd, by expedition and diligence, to recover the advantage, which the supine negligence of those he trusted, had robbed him of; and Himself, with matchless industry, taking care to lead up the Foot, Prince *Rupert*, with near five thousand Horse, march'd Day and Night over the Hills, to get between *London* and the Enemy before they should be able to get out of those enclosed deep Countries, in which they were engaged between narrow Lanes, and to entertain them with Skirmishes till the whole Army should come up. This design, pursued and executed with indefatigable pains, succeeded to his wish; for when the Van of the Enemy's Army had almost march'd over *Amborne Chase*, intending that Night to have reach'd *Newbury*, Prince *Rupert*, beyond their fear or expectation, appear'd with a strong Body of Horse so near them, that before they could put themselves in order to

receive him, he Charged their Rear, and Routed them with good Execution ; and though the Enemy perform'd the Parts of good Men, and applied themselves more dexterously to the relief of each other , than on so suddain and unlook'd for an occasion was expected, yet with some difficulty, and the loss of many Men, they were glad to shorten their Journey, and the Night coming on, took up their Quarters at *Hungerford*.

IN this Conflict, which was very sharp for an hour or two, many fell of the Enemy, and of the King's Party none of Name, but the Marquis of *Vieu Ville*, a Gallant Gentleman of the *French* Nation, who had attended the Queen out of *Holland*, and put himself as a Volontier upon this Action , into the Lord *Fermyn's* Regiment. There were hurt many Officers, and among those the Lord *Fermyn* receiv'd a shot in his Arm with a Pistol, owing the preservation of his Life from other shots, to the excellent temper of his Armour ; and the Lord *Digby* a strange hurt in the face , a Pistol being discharged at so near a distance upon him, that the Powder fetch'd much blood from his face, and for the present blinded him, without farther mischief ; by which it was concluded, that the Bullet had dropped out before the Pistol was discharged : And may be reckon'd among one of those escapes, of which that Gallant Person hath passed a greater number, in the course of his Life, than any Man I know.

BY this Expedition of Prince *Rupert*, the Enemy was forced to such delay, that the King came up with his Foot and Train, though his numbers, by his exceeding long and quick marches, and the License which many Officers and Soldiers took whilst the King lay at *Egham*, were much lessen'd, being above two thousand fewer, than when he rais'd his Siege from *Glocester*. And when the Earl, the next day, advanced from *Hungerford*, hoping to recover *Newbury*, which Prince *Rupert* with his Horse would not be able to hinder him from ; when he came within two Miles of the Town, he found the King possess'd of it. For his Majesty, with his whole Army, was come thither two hours before ; this put him to a necessity of staying upon the Field that Night ; it being now the seventeenth day of *September*.

IT was now thought by many, that the King had recover'd whatsoever had been lost by former Overights, Omissions, or Neglects, and that by the destroying the Army which had reliev'd *Glocester*, he should be fully recompens'd for being disappointed of that Purchase. He seem'd to be possess'd of all advantages to be desired, a good Town to refresh his Men in, whilst the Enemy lodged in the Field, his own Quarters to friend, and his Garrison of *Wallingford* at hand, and *Oxford* it self within distance for supply of whatsoever should be wanting ;

wanting; when the Enemy was equally tired with long marches, and from the time that the Prince had Attack'd them, the day before, had stood in their Arms in a Country where they could not find Victual. So that it was conceiv'd, that it was in the King's Power, whether he would Fight or no, and therefore that he might compel them to notable disadvantages, who must make their way through, or starve; and this was so fully understood, that it was resolv'd over night, not to engage in Battle, but upon such grounds as should give an Assurance of Victory. But, contrary to this resolution, when the Earl of *Essex* had, with excellent Conduct, drawn out his Army in Battalia, upon a Hill called *Bigg's-Hill*, within less than a Mile of the Town, and order'd his Men in all places to the best advantage, by the precipitate Courage of some young Officers, who had good Commands, and who unhappily always undervalued the Courage of the Enemy, strong Parties became successively so far engaged, that the King was compelled to put the whole to the hazard of a Battle, and to give the Enemy, at least, an equal game to play.

It was disputed, on all parts, with great Fierceness and Courage; the Enemy preserving good Order, and standing rather to keep the ground they were upon, than to get more; by which they did not expose themselves to those disadvantages, which any motion would have offer'd to the Assailants. The King's Horse, with a kind of contempt of the Enemy, Charged with wonderful boldness, upon all grounds of inequality; and were so far too hard for the Troops of the other side, that they Routed them in most places, till they had left the greatest part of their Foot without any guard at all of Horse. But then the Foot behaved themselves admirably on the Enemies part, and gave their scatter'd Horse time to Rally, and were ready to assist and secure them upon all occasions. The *London* Train'd-bands, and Auxiliary Regiments (of whose inexperience of danger, or any kind of Service, beyond the easy practice of their Postures in the Artillery Garden, Men had till then too cheap an estimation) behaved themselves to wonder; and were, in truth, the preservation of that Army that day. For they stood as a Bulwark and Rampire to defend the rest; and when their wings of Horse were scatter'd, and dispersed, kept their ground so steadily, that, though Prince *Rupert* himself led up the choice Horse to Charge them, and endured their storm of small shot, he could make no impression upon their stand of Pikes; but was forced to wheel about: of so Sovereign benefit and use, is that readiness, order, and dexterity in the use of their Arms, which hath been so much neglected.

It was fought all that day without any such notable turn,

*The Battle
of New-
bury.*

as that either Party could think they had much the better. For though the King's Horse made the Enemies often give ground, yet the Foot were so immoveable, that little was gotten by the other; and the first entrance into the Battle was so suddain, and without Order, that, during the whole day, no use was made of the King's Canon, though that of the Enemy was placed so unhappily, that it did very great execution upon the King's Party, both Horse and Foot. The night parted them, when nothing else could; and each Party had then time to revolve the oversights of the day. The Enemy had fared at least as well as they hoped for; and therefore, in the morning early, they put themselves in order of marching, having an obligation in necessity to gain some place, in which they might eat and sleep. On the King's side there was not that caution which should have been the day before, and though the Number of the slain was not so great, as, in so hot a day, might have been look'd for; yet very many Officers and Gentlemen were hurt: so that they rather chose to take advantage of the Enemies motion, than to Charge them again upon the old ground, from whence they had been, by order, call'd off the Night before, when they had recover'd a Post, the keeping of which would much have prejudiced the Adversary. The Earl of *Essex* finding his way open, pursued his main design of returning to *London*, and took that way by *Newbury*, which led towards *Reading*; which Prince *Rupert* observing, suffer'd him, without interruption or disturbance, to pass, till his whole Army was enter'd into the narrow Lanes; and then with a strong Party of Horse, and one thousand Musqueteers, follow'd his rear with so good effect, that he put them into great disorder, and killed many, and took many Prisoners. However the Earl, with the grois of his Army, and all his Canon, got safe into *Reading*; and, after a night or two spent there to refresh and rest his Men, he moved in a slow and orderly march to *London*, leaving *Reading* to the King's Forces; which were presently possess'd by Sr *Jacob Ashley*, with three thousand Foot and five hundred Horse, and made again a Garrison for the King: his Majesty and Prince *Rupert*, with the remainder of the Army, retiring to *Oxford*, and leaving a Garrison under the Command of Colonel *Boys* in *Donnington Castle* (a House of *John Packer's*, but more famous for having been the Seat of *Geoffrey Chaucer*, within a Mile of *Newbury*) to Command the great Road, through which the Western Trade was driven to *London*.

The Earl of
Essex gets
into Reading;
thence
to London.

At this time Sr *William Waller* was at *Windsor*, with above two thousand Horse, and as many Foot; as unconcern'd for what might befall the Earl of *Essex*, as the Earl had formerly been on His behalf at *Roundway Hill*: otherwise, if he had advanced

advanced upon the King to *Newbury* (which was not above twenty Miles) when the Earl was on the other side, the King had been in great danger of an utter Defeat; and the apprehension of this, was the reason, or was afterward, pretended to be, for the hasty engagement in Battle.

THE Earl of *Essex* was receiv'd at *London*, with all imaginable demonstrations of Affection, and Reverence; Publick, and Solemn Thanksgiving was appointed for his Victory; for such they made no scruple to declare it. Without doubt, the Action was perform'd by him with incomparable Conduct and Courage; in every part whereof, very much was to be imputed to his own Personal Virtue; and it may be well reckon'd among the most Soldierly Actions of this unhappy War. For he did the business he undertook, and, after the Relief of *Glocester*, his next care was to retire with his Army to *London*; which, considering the length of the way, and the difficulties he was to contend with, he did with less loss than could be expected; on the other hand, the King was not without signs of a Victory. He had follow'd, and compell'd the Enemy to Fight, by overtaking him, when he desir'd to avoid it. He had the spoil of the Field, and pursued the Enemy the next day after the Battle, and had a good execution upon them, without receiving any loss; and, which seem'd to Crown the Work, fixed a Garrison again at *Reading*, and thereby streighten'd their Quarters as much as they were in the beginning of the year; his own being enlarged by the almost entire Conquest of the West, and his Army much stronger, in Horse and Foot, than when he first took the Field. On which side soever the Marks and publick Entigns of Victory appear'd most conspicuous, certain it is, that according to the unequal fate, that attended all Skirmishes and Conflicts with such an Adversary, the loss on the King's side was in Weight much more considerable, and penetrating; for whilst some obscure, unheard of Colonel or Officer, was missing on the Enemies side, and some Citizen's Wife bewailed the loss of her Husband, there were on the other, above twenty Officers of the Field, and Persons of Honour, and publick Name, slain upon the place, and more of the same Quality hurt.

HERE fell the Earl of *Sunderland*, a Lord of great Fortune, tender years (being not above three and twenty years of Age) and an early Judgment; who, having no Command in the Army, attended upon the King's Person, under the obligation of Honour; and putting himself that day in the King's Troop a Voluntier, before they came to Charge, was taken away by a Cannon Bullet.

The Earl of Sunderland slain in this Battle:

THIS day also fell the Earl of *Carnarvon*, who, after he had Charged, and Routed a Body of the Enemies Horse,

and the Earl of Carnarvon; His coming Character.

coming carelessly back by some of the scatter'd Troopers, was, by one of them who knew him, run through the Body with a Sword; of which he died within an hour. He was a Person, with whose great Parts and Virtue the World was not enough acquainted. Before the War, though his Education was adorn'd by Travel, and an exact observation of the manners of more Nations, than our Common Travellers use to visit (for he had, after the view of *Spain*, *France*, and most parts of *Italy*, spent some time in *Turky*, and those Eastern Countries) he seem'd to be wholly delighted with those looser Exercises of pleasure, Hunting, Hawking, and the like; in which the Nobility of that time too much delighted to excel. After the Troubles begun, having the Command of the first or second Regiment of Horse, that was raised for the King's Service, he wholly gave himself up to the office and duty of a Soldier; no Man more diligently Obeying, or more dexterously Commanding; for he was not only of a very keen Courage in the exposing his Person, but an excellent Discerner and Pursuer of advantage upon his Enemy. He had a Mind and Understanding very present in the Article of danger, which is a rare benefit in that profession. Those Infirmities, and that License, which he had formerly indulged to himself, he put off with severity, when others thought them excusable under the notion of a Soldier. He was a great lover of Justice, and practis'd it then most deliberately, when he had power to do wrong: and so strict in the observation of his word, and promise, as a Commander, that he could not be persuaded to stay in the West, when he found it not in his power to perform the Agreement he had made with *Dorchester*, and *Weymouth*. If he had liv'd, he would have prov'd a great Ornament to that profession, and an excellent Soldier; and by his death the King found a sensible weakness in his Army.

*And the
Lord Vis-
count Falk-
land; His
Character.*

BUT I must here take leave a little longer to discontinue this Narration: and if the celebrating the memory of eminent, and extraordinary Persons, and transmitting their great Virtues, for the imitation of Posterity, be one of the principal ends and duties of History, it will not be thought impertinent, in this place, to remember a loss which no time will suffer to be forgotten, and no success or good fortune could repair. In this unhappy Battle, was slain the Lord Viscount *Falkland*; a Person of such prodigious parts of Learning and Knowledge, of that inimitable sweetness and delight in Conversation, of so flowing and obliging a humanity and goodness to Mankind, and of that primitive simplicity and integrity of Life, that if there were no other brand upon this odious and accursed Civil War, than that single Loss, it must be most infamous, and execrable to all Posterity.

Turpe

Turpe mori, post te, solo non posse dolere.

BEFORE this Parliament, his condition of life was so happy that it was hardly capable of improvement. Before he came to be twenty years of Age, he was Master of a Noble Fortune, which descended to him by the gift of a Grandfather, without passing through his Father or Mother, who were then both alive, and not well enough contented, to find themselves passed by in the descent. His Education for some years had been in *Ireland*, where his Father was Lord Deputy; so that, when he return'd into *England*, to the possession of his Fortune, he was unintangled with any Acquaintance or Friends, which usually grow up by the custom of Conversation; and therefore was to make a pure Election of his Company; which he chose by other Rules than were prescribed to the young Nobility of that time. And it cannot be denied, though he admitted some few to his Friendship for the agreeableness of their Natures, and their undoubted Affection to him, that his Familiarity and Friendship, for the most part, was with Men of the most eminent and sublime Parts, and of untouched Reputation in point of Integrity; and such Men had a Title to his Bosome.

HE was a great Cherisher of Wit, and Fancy, and good Parts, in any Man; and, if he found them clouded with Poverty or Want, a most liberal and bountiful Patron towards them, even above his Fortune; of which, in those administrations, he was such a Dispenser, as, if he had been trusted with it to such Uses, and if there had been the least of Vice in his expence, he might have been thought too prodigal. He was constant and pertinacious in whatsoever he resolv'd to do, and not to be wearied by any pains that were necessary to that end. And therefore having once resolv'd not to see *London*, which he lov'd above all places, till he had perfectly learned the Greek Tongue, he went to his own House in the Country, and pursued it with that indefatigable Industry, that it will not be believ'd in how short a time he was Master of it, and accurately read all the Greek Historians.

IN this time, his House being within little more than ten Miles of *Oxford*, he contracted Familiarity and Friendship with the most polite and accurate Men of that University; who found such an immensity of Wit, and such a solidity of Judgment in him, so infinite a Fancy, bound in by a most Logical ratiocination, such a vast knowledge, that he was not ignorant in any thing, yet such an excessive Humility, as if he had known nothing, that they frequently resorted, and dwelt with him, as in a College situated in a purer Air; so that his
House

Houſe was a Univerſity in a leſs Volume ; whither they came not ſo much for Repoſe as Study ; and to examine and refine thoſe groſſer Propoſitions, which lazineſs and conſent made current in vulgar Converſation.

MANY attempts were made upon him by the inſtigations of his Mother (who was a Lady of another perſwaſion in Religion, and of a moſt Maſculine underſtanding, allay'd with the paſſion and infirmities of her own Sex) to pervert him in his Piety to the Church of *England*, and to reconcile him to that of *Rome* ; which they proſecuted with the more Confidence, becauſe he declined no opportunity or occaſion of conference with thoſe of that Religion, whether Priests, or Laicks ; having diligently ſtudied the Controverſies, and exactly read all, or the choiceſt of the Greek, and Latin Fathers, and having a Memory ſo ſtupendious, that he remember'd on all occaſions, whatſoever he read. And he was ſo great an Enemy to that paſſion and uncharitableneſs, which he ſaw produced, by difference of opinion, in matters of Religion, that in all thoſe diſputations with Priests, and others of the Roman Church, he affected to manifeſt all poſſible Civility to their Perſons, and eſtimation of their Parts ; which made them retain ſtill ſome hope of his reduction, even when they had given over offering farther reaſons to him to that purpoſe. But this Charity towards them was much leſſen'd, and any Correſpondence with them quite declined, when, by ſiniſter Arts, they had corrupted his two younger Brothers, being both Children, and ſtolen them from his Houſe, and Tranſported them beyond Seas, and perverted his Siſters : upon which occaſion he writ two large diſcourſes againſt the Principal Poſitions of that Religion, with that ſharpeſs of Style, and full Weight of Reaſon, that the Church is deprived of great Jewels in the concealment of them, and that they were not publiſh'd to the World.

HE was ſuperior to all thoſe paſſions and affections which attend vulgar Minds, and was guilty of no other Ambition than of Knowledge, and to be reputed a Lover of all good Men ; and that made him too much a contemner of thoſe Arts, which muſt be indulged in the tranſactions of human Affairs. In the laſt ſhort Parliament, he was a Burgeſs in the Houſe of Commons ; and, from the Debates which were there managed with all imaginable gravity and ſobriety, he contracted ſuch a reverence to Parliaments, that he thought it really impoſſible they could ever produce miſchief or inconvenience to the Kingdom ; or that the Kingdom could be tolerably happy in the intermiſſion of them. And from the unhappy and unreaſonable diſſolution of that Convention, he harbour'd, it may be, ſome jealousy and prejudice to the Court, towards which

which he was not before immoderately inclined; his Father having wasted a full Fortune there, in those Offices and Employments by which other Men use to obtain a greater. He was chosen again this Parliament to serve in the same place, and, in the beginning of it, declar'd himself very sharply and severely against those Exorbitances, which had been most grievous to the State; for he was so rigid an observer of establish'd Laws and Rules, that he could not endure the least breach, or deviation from them; and thought no mischief so intollerable as the presumption of Ministers of State to break positive Rules, for reasons of State; or Judges to transgress known Laws, upon the Title of Conveniency, or Necessity; which made him so severe against the Earl of *Strafford*, and the Lord *Finch*, contrary to his Natural gentleness, and temper: insomuch as they who did not know his composition to be as free from Revenge, as it was from Pride, thought that the sharpness to the Former, might proceed from the Memory of some unkindnesses, not without a mixture of injustice, from him towards his Father. But without doubt he was free from those temptations, and in both Cases was only misled by the Authority of those, who, he believ'd, understood the Laws perfectly; of which, himself was utterly ignorant; and if the assumption, which was then scarce controverted, had been true, "That an endeavour to overthrow the fundamental Laws of the Kingdom was Treason, a strict understanding might make reasonable conclusions to satisfy his own Judgment, from the exorbitant parts of their several Charges.

THE great opinion he had of the uprightness and integrity of those Persons who appear'd most active, especially of Mr *Hambden*, kept him longer from suspecting any design against the Peace of the Kingdom; and though he differ'd from them commonly in conclusion, he believ'd long their purposes were honest. When he grew better inform'd what was Law, and discern'd in them a desire to controul that Law by a Vote of one, or both Houses, no Man more opposed those attempts, and gave the adverse Party more trouble by reason and argumentation; insomuch as he was, by degrees, look'd upon as an Advocate for the Court, to which he contributed so little, that he declined those Addresses, and even those Invitations which he was obliged almost by Civility to entertain. And he was so jealous of the least imagination that he should incline to Preferment, that he affected even a moroseness to the Court, and to the Courtiers; and left nothing undone which might prevent, and divert the King's or Queen's Favour towards him, but the deserving it. For when the King sent for him once or twice to speak with him, and to give him thanks for his excellent Comportment in those Councils, which his Majesty

Majesty graciously term'd "Doing him Service, his Answers were more negligent, and less satisfactory, than might be expected; as if he cared only that his Actions should be just, not that they should be Acceptable, and that his Majesty should think that they proceeded only from the impulsion of Conscience, without any sympathy in his Affections; which from a Stoical and Sullen Nature, might not have been misinterpreted; yet, from a Person of so perfect a habit of generous, and obsequious Compliance with all good Men, might very well have been interpreted by the King as more than an ordinary averfeness to his Service: so that he took more pains, and more forced his Nature to Actions unagreeable, and unpleasant to it, that he might not be thought to incline to the Court, than most Men have done to procure an Office there. And if any thing but not doing his duty, could have kept him from receiving a Testimony of the King's Grace and Trust, at that time, he had not been called to his Council; not that he was in truth averse from receiving Publick Employment; for he had a great devotion to the King's Person, and had before used some small endeavour to be recommended to him for a Forreign Negotiation, and had once a desire to be sent Embassadour into *France*; but he abhor'd an imagination or doubt should sink into the thoughts of any Man, that in the discharge of his trust and duty in Parliament, he had any bias to the Court, or that the King himself should apprehend, that he look'd for a reward for being Honest.

For this reason, when he heard it first whisper'd, "That the King had a purpose to make him a Privy Counsellor, for which there was, in the beginning, no other ground, but because he was known sufficient (*band semper errat fama, aliquando & eligit*) he resolv'd to decline it; and at last suffer'd himself only to be overruled, by the advice and persuasions of his Friends, to submit to it. Afterwards, when he found that the King intended to make him Secretary of State, he was positive to refuse it; declaring to his Friends, "That he was most unfit for it, and that he must either do that "which would be great disquiet to his own Nature, or leave "that undone which was most necessary to be done by one "that was Honour'd with that place; for the most just and "honest Men did, every day, that which he could not give "himself leave to do. And indeed he was so exact, and strict an observer of Justice and Truth, that he believ'd those necessary condescensions and applications to the weakness of other Men, and those Arts and Insinuations which are necessary for discoveries, and prevention of ill, would be in him a declension from his own rules of life; though he acknowledg'd them fit, and absolutely necessary to be practiced in those Employments.

ployments. He was, in truth, so precise in the practick principles he prescribed Himself (to all others he was as indulgent) as if he had lived in *Republica Platonis, non in face Romuli*.

Two reasons prevail'd with him to receive the Seals, and but for those he had resolutely avoided them. The first, The consideration that his refusal might bring some blemish upon the King's affairs, and that Men would have believ'd, that he had refus'd so great an Honour and Trust, because he must have been with it oblig'd to do somewhat else not justifiable. And this he made matter of Conscience, since he knew the King made choice of him, before other Men, especially because he thought him more honest than other Men. The other was, Lest he might be thought to avoid it out of fear to do an ungracious thing to the House of Commons, who were sorely troubled at the displacing *Sr Harry Vane*, whom they looked upon as remov'd for having done them those Offices they stood in need of; and the disdain of so popular an incumbence wrought upon him next to the other. For as he had a full appetite of fame by just and generous Actions, so he had an equal contempt of it by any servile expedients: and he so much the more consented to, and approv'd the Justice upon *Sr Harry Vane*, in his own private judgment, by how much he surpass'd most Men in the Religious observation of a Trust; the violation whereof he would not admit of any excuse for.

FOR these reasons, he submitted to the King's Command, and became his Secretary, with as humble and devoted an acknowledgment of the greatness of the obligation, as could be express'd, and as true a sense of it in his heart. Yet two things he could never bring himself to, whilst he continued in that Office, that was to his death; for which he was contented to be reproach'd, as for omissions in a most necessary part of his place. The one, Employing of Spies, or giving any countenance, or entertainment to them. I do not mean such Emis-saries, as with danger would venture to view the Enemies Camp, and bring Intelligence of their Number, or quartering, or any particulars that such an observation can comprehend; but those, who by communication of Guilt, or dissimulation of Manners, wind themselves into such Trusts and Secrets, as enable them to make discoveries. The other, The Liberty of opening Letters, upon a suspicion that they might contain matter of dangerous consequence. For the first, he would say, "Such Instruments must be void of all Ingenuity, and common honesty, before they could be of use; and afterwards they could never be fit to be credited: and that no single preservation could be worth so general a wound, and corruption

“corruption of human society, as the cherishing such Persons would carry with it. The last, he thought “Such a violation of the Law of Nature, that no qualification by “Office could justify him in the trespass; and though he was convinced by the necessity, and iniquity of the time, that those advantages of information were not to be declined, and were necessary to be practised, he found means to put it off from himself; whilst he confessed he needed excuse and pardon for the omission; so unwilling he was to resign any part of good Nature to an obligation in his Office.

IN all other particulars he filled his place with great sufficiency, being well versed in Languages, to understand any that are used in business, and to make himself again understood. To speak of his Integrity, and his high disdain of any Bait that might seem to look towards corruption, *in tanto viro, injuria virtutum fuerit*. Some sharp expressions he used against the Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, and his concurring in the first Bill to take away the Votes of Bishops in the House of Peers, gave occasion to some to believe, and opportunity to others to conclude, and publish, “That he was no friend to “the Church, and the establish’d Government of it; and troubled his very Friends much, who were more confident of the contrary, than prepared to Answer the Allegations.

THE truth is, he had unhappily contracted some prejudice to the Arch-Bishop; and having observ’d his Passion, when, it may be, multiplicity of business, or other indisposition had possess’d him, did with him less intangled and engaged in the business of the Court, or State: though, I speak it knowingly, he had a singular estimation and reverence of his great Learning, and confessed Integrity; and really thought his own letting himself loose to those expressions which implied a disesteem of the Arch-Bishop, or at least an acknowledgment of his Infirmities, would enable him to shelter him from part of the storm he saw raised for his destruction; which he abominated with his Soul.

THE giving his consent to the first Bill for the displacing the Bishops, did proceed from two grounds: The first, His not understanding Then the Original of their Right and Suffrage there: the other, An opinion, that the combination against the whole Government of the Church by Bishops, was so violent and furious, that a less composition than the dispensing with their intermeddling in Secular Affairs, would not preserve the Order. And he was perswaded to this by the profession of many Persons of Honour, who declared, “They did “desire the one, and would not then press the other; which, in that particular, misled many Men. But when his observation and experience made him discern more of their Intentions,

ons, than he before suspected, with great frankness he opposed the second Bill that was preferr'd for that purpose; and had, without scruple, the order it self in perfect reverence; and thought too great Encouragement could not possibly be given to Learning, nor too great Rewards to Learned Men. He was never, in the least degree, sway'd or moved by the objections which were made against that Government in the Church (holding them most ridiculous) or affected to the other, which those Men fancied to themselves.

HE had a Courage of the most clear and keen temper, and so far from fear, that he seem'd not without some Appetite of danger; and therefore, upon any occasion of Action, he always engag'd his Person in those Troops which he thought, by the forwardness of the Commanders, to be most like to be farthest engag'd; and in all such Encounters, he had about him an extraordinary cheerfulness, without at all affecting the execution that usually attended them; in which he took no delight, but took pains to prevent it, where it was not, by resistance, made necessary: insomuch that at *Edge-hill*, when the Enemy was routed, he was like to have incur'd great Peril, by interposing to save those who had thrown away their Arms, and against whom, it may be, others were more fierce for their having thrown them away: so that a Man might think, he came into the Field chiefly out of Curiosity to see the face of Danger, and Charity to prevent the shedding of Blood. Yet in his natural inclination he acknowledged he was addict'd to the profession of a Soldier; and shortly after he came to his Fortune, before he was of Age, he went into the Low Countries, with a resolution of procuring Command, and to give himself up to it; from which he was diverted by the compleat inactivity of that Summer: So he return'd into *England*, and shortly after enter'd upon that vehement course of Study we mention'd before, till the first Alarm from the North; then again he made ready for the Field, and though he receiv'd some repulse in the Command of a Troop of Horse, of which he had a promise, he went a Voluntier with the Earl of *Essex*.

FROM the Entrance into this unnatural War, his natural cheerfulness and vivacity grew clouded, and a kind of sadness, and dejection of Spirit stole upon him, which he had never been us'd to: yet being one of those who believ'd that one Battle would end all differences, and that there would be so great a victory on one Side, that the Other would be compelled to submit to any conditions from the Victor (which supposition and conclusion generally sunk into the minds of most Men, and prevented the looking after many advantages that might then have been laid hold of) he resist'd those indispositions,

dispositions, & *in luctu, bellum inter remedia erat*. But after the King's return from *Brentford*, and the furious resolution of the two Houses not to admit any Treaty for Peace, those indispositions, which had before touched him, grew into a perfect habit of uncheerfulness; and He, who had been so exactly easy, and affable to all Men, that his face and countenance was always present, and vacant to his Company, and held any cloudiness, and less pleasantness of the visage, a kind of rudeness or incivility, became, on a suddain, less communicable; and thence, very sad, pale, and exceedingly affected with the Spleen. In his Cloaths and Habit, which he had minded before always with more neatness, and industry, and expence, than is usual to so great a Soul, he was not now only incurious, but too negligent; and in his reception of Suitors, and the necessary, or casual Addresses to his place, so quick, and sharp, and severe, that there wanted not some Men (strangers to his nature and disposition) who believ'd him proud and imperious; from which no mortal Man was ever more free.

It is true, that as he was of a most incomparable gentleness, application, and even submission to good, and worthy, and entire Men, so he was naturally (which could not but be more evident in his Place, (which objected him to another conversation, and intermixture, than his own election would have done) *adversus malos injucundus*; and was so ill a dissembler of his dislike, and disinclination to ill Men, that it was not possible for such not to discern it. There was once, in the House of Commons, such a declared acceptance of the good Service an eminent Member had done to Them, and, as they said, to the whole Kingdom, that it was moved, he being present, "That the Speaker might, in the name of the whole House, give him thanks; and then, that every Member might, as a testimony of his particular acknowledgment, stir or move his hat towards him; the which (though not order'd) when very many did, the Lord *Falkland* (who believ'd the Service it self not to be of that moment, and that an honourable and generous Person could not have stooped to it for any recompence) instead of moving his hat, stretch'd both his Arms out, and clasp'd his hands together upon the Crown of his hat, and held it close down to his head; that all Men might see, how odious that flattery was to him, and that very approbation of the Person, though at that time most popular.

WHEN there was any overture, or hope of Peace, he would be more erect, and vigorous, and exceedingly solicitous to press any thing which he thought might promote it; and sitting among his Friends, often, after a deep silence, and frequent

frequent sighs, would, with a shrill and sad accent, ingeminate the word *Peace, Peace*; and would passionately profess, "That the very agony of the War, and the view of the calamities and desolation the Kingdom did, and must endure, took his sleep from him, and would shortly break his heart. This made some think, or pretend to think, "That he was so much enamoured on Peace, that he would have been glad the King should have bought it at any price; which was a most unreasonable Calumny. As if a Man that was himself the most punctual, and precise in every circumstance that might reflect upon Conscience, or Honour, could have wish'd the King to have committed a trespass against either. And yet this senseless scandal made some impression upon him, or at least he used it for an excuse of the daringness of his Spirit; for at the Leaguer before *Glocester*, when his Friend passionately reprehended him for exposing his Person unnecessarily to danger (for he delighted to visit the Trenches, and nearest approaches, and to discover what the Enemy did) as being so much beside the duty of his place, that it might be understood rather to be against it, he would say merrily, "That his Office could not take away the Privileges of his Age; and "that a Secretary in War might be present at the greatest secret of danger; but withal alledg'd seriously, "That it concern'd Him to be more active in enterprises of hazard, than other Men; that all might see, that his impatience for Peace proceeded not from pusillanimity, or fear to adventure his own Person.

IN the morning before the Battle, as always upon Action, he was very chearful, and put himself into the first rank of the Lord *Byron's* Regiment, then advancing upon the Enemy, who had lined the Hedges on both sides with Musqueteers; from whence he was shot with a Musquet, in the lower part of the Belly, and in the instant falling from his Horse, his body was not found till the next morning; till when, there was some hope he might have been a Prisoner; though his nearest Friends, who knew his temper, receiv'd small comfort from that imagination. Thus fell that incomparable young Man, in the four and thirtieth year of his Age, having so much dispatch'd the true business of life, that the Eldest rarely attain to that immense Knowledge, and the Youngest enter not into the world with more Innocency: Whosoever leads such a life, needs be the less anxious upon how short warning it is taken from him.

Now to go on with the Course of our History: the Earl of *Essex* enter'd into *London* on the 25th of *September* (a day we shall have occasion to remember upon another solemnity) and was the next day visited, at *Essex* House, by the Speaker

The Earl of Essex returns to London.

and the whole House of Commons, who declared to him, "That they came to congratulate his notable Success, and to render the thanks of the Kingdom to him, for his incomparable Conduct and Courage; and that they had caused their acknowledgment to be enter'd in their Journal Book, as a monument and record of his Virtue, and Their Gratitude. A day or two after, solemn Thanks were render'd to those Members of both Houses who had Command in the Army, and some extraordinary signification of respect deriv'd to the Superior Officers; throughout the Army. A gaudy Letter of kindness and value, was sent to Colonel *Massy*, and, which made the Letter of more Value, a thousands Pounds was sent him as a gratuity or present for his Service, over and above what was due to him for his Pay, and some larges to all the Inferior Officers, and a Months Pay, over and above their Arrears, to the Soldiers of that Garrison.

LEST the discourse and apprehension of the jealousy between the Earl of *Essex* and *St William Waller*, might administer hope or suspicion, that some division might grow amongst themselves, and, from thence, that the King might receive any advantage, great care was taken to make, and greater to publish, a reconciliation between them; in which *St William* was all submission and humility, and his Excellence full of grace and courtesy. The Passion and Animosity which difference of opinion had produced between any Members, was totally laid aside and forgotten, and no artifice omitted to make the world believe, that they were a People newly incorporated, and as firmly united to one and the same end, as their Brethren the *Scots*; of whose concurrence and assistance they were now assured, and satisfied that it would come soon enough for their preservation; of which, they had not before a full confidence.

THOUGH the King's Army had all the Trophies of Victory, in, and after this Battle, as is before related (It kept the Field, and had the spoil of it; It took some Pieces of the Enemy's Canon, who march'd off in the Night, and were pursued with some considerable loss beyond *Reading*, where a Garrison was again placed for his Majesty, under the Command of *St Jacob Ashley*, Major General of the Army, an excellent Officer; so that the Parliament was in so much a worse State than they were in the Spring, as the loss of *Bristol*, and most of the West amounted to; for by this time *Exeter* was likewise reduced by Prince *Maurice*) yet notwithstanding all this, the Earl of *Essex*, as is said before, was receiv'd at *London* with all imaginable Gratulation and Triumph; he had done all that was expected from him, with many circumstances of great, Soldierly, and notable Courage, and the Heart
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and Spirit of the Parliament was visibly much exalted, and their impatience for Peace quite abated.

ON the contrary, upon the King's return to Oxford, there appear'd nothing but dejection of mind, discontent, and secret Mutiny in the Army, Anger and Jealousy among the Officers, every one accusing another of want of Courage and Conduct in the Actions of the Field; and they who were not of the Army, blaming them all for their several failings and gross oversights. The Siege of *Glocester* was not believ'd to have been well Conducted, and that it might have been taken in half the time they were before it, if it had been skilfully gone about. The not engaging the Earl of *Effex* in all the march over so open a Country, was thought unexcusable, and was imputed to the want of Courage in *Wilmot*; whom Prince *Rupert* did in no degree favour: nor was the Prince himself without some reproaches, for suffering the Earl of *Effex*, after all the Horse was joyn'd, to march down a long steep Hill into the Vale of *Glocester*, without any disturbance; and that the whole Army, when it was found necessary to quit the Siege, had not been brought to Fight in that Vale, and at some distance from the Town, when the King's Men were fresh, and the other Side tired with so long a March.

The Temper of the Army, and the Court at Oxford, upon the return of the King thither.

BUT then all Men renew'd their Execrations against those who advised the sitting down before *Glocester*; the Officers, who had been present, and consenting to all the Counsels, disclaiming, as much as any, the whole design; and all conspired to lay the whole reproach upon the Master of the Rolls, who spoke most in those Debates, and was not at all gracious to the Soldiers; and this Clamour against that Engagement was so Popular and Universal, that no Man took upon himself to speak in Defence of it; though, besides the Reasons which have been formerly alledged for it, what happen'd in this last Action, in the Relief of *Glocester*, might well seem to justify it; for since it appear'd, that the City was so much United to the Parliament, that it supply'd their Army with such a Body of their Train'd-bands (without which it could never have march'd) with what success could his Majesty have approach'd *London*, after the taking of *Bristol*, with his harrassed Army? and would not the whole Body of the Train'd-bands have defended That, when so considerable a part of them could be perswaded to undertake a March of two hundred Miles? for less they did not March, from the time they went out, to that in which they return'd. But no reason could ever Convert those who look'd upon that Undertaking at *Glocester*, as the ruin of the King's Affairs.

THE Temper of the Court was no better than that of the Army: And the King was so much troubled with both, that he did not enjoy the quiet his Condition required. They who had forborn to be importunate for Honours, or Offices, because they knew they should not be able to obtain their desires from the King, made their Modesty an argument of their Merit to the Queen; and assured Her, "That they had forborn to ask any thing in her absence, because they had always resolv'd never to receive any thing, but by Her bounty. Many pretended former Promises and Engagements for Creations of Honour, as soon as any thing should be done of that kind. And it is true enough, that both their Majesties had given themselves ease from present importunities, by making promises, with reference to a time, which they imagined, and, at that time, resolv'd, should not be soon: and now there was no sooner mention of conferring Honour upon one or two whom they had a mind to gratify, but the rest who had that promise, were very importunate and clamorous for the same Justice. By this means they were, upon the matter, compell'd to gratify some Men to whom they bore no good will; and so, they who received the Favours were no more pleased, than they were who conferr'd them; and they who were without Ambition before, when they saw Honours and Offices conferr'd upon Men, who, they thought, did not merit them better than themselves, thought their Service undervalued if they did not receive the same reward. And it was a usual Prologue to suits of that kind, "That they did not desire it out of their own Ambition, but purely to satisfy their Friends; who withdrew their kindness from them, out of an opinion that they had offended the King, who would not otherwise put so great a difference between Them and other Men. Whence it may be observ'd, that Princes should not confer Publick Rewards in a season when they can only gratify Few, and so many stand upon the same Level in pretences, that they are apt to resent the preferring of One, as an affront and disobligation to the Rest.

THERE was no particular that gave the King more uneasiness, than the pretence of my Lord of *Holland*. The three Earls I before mention'd, had attended the King before he rose from *Glocester*, and had waited upon him throughout that march, and had Charged the Enemy, in the King's Regiment of Horse, at the Battle of *Newbury*, very bravely; and had behaved themselves, throughout, very well; and return'd to *Oxford* with his Majesty; and now expected to be well look'd upon: and the other Two had no cause to complain; the King, upon all occasions, spoke very graciously to them, and particularly sent the Chancellor of the Exchequer to

to the Earl of *Clare*, "That he had liberty, and might be pre-
"sent at the Councils of War; where the Peers usually were,
and where the general matters of contribution, and such things
as concern'd the Country, were usually debated. But the Earl
of *Holland* was not pleas'd; he thought nothing of former
Miscarriages ought to be remember'd; that all those were can-
celled by the Merit of coming to the King now, and bring-
ing such considerable Persons with him, and disposing others
to follow; and expected, upon his first appearance, to have
had his Key restor'd to him; to have been in the same Con-
dition he was in the Bed-Chamber, and in the Council, and
in the King's Grace and Countenance; of all which he had
assurance from the Queen before he came, at least from Mr *Fer-*
myn, who, no doubt, did exceed his Commission; and the
very deferring of this, was grievous to him; and the more,
because he found the same disrespect from all others, as he
had done when he came first to *Oxford*.

He came frequently in the afternoon to *Merton College*,
where the Queen lay, and where the King was for the most
part at that time of the day, and both their Majesties look'd
well upon him, and spoke to him in publick as occasion was
administer'd. Sometimes the King went aside with him to
the Window, in the same Room, where they spoke a quarter
or half an hour together, out of the hearing of any body;
which the Queen did often in the same manner; and Mr *Fer-*
myn, who was about this time made a Baron, was very fre-
quently with him. The King was always upon his guard
towards him, and did not, in truth, abate any thing of his
former rigour or prejudice, and continued firm to his former
Resolutions. But the Queen, whether from her inclination,
or promise, or dislike of most other People, who were not so
good Courtiers (as sure none was equal to him in that Fun-
ction and Mystery) did in truth heartily desire, that he might
receive satisfaction in all things, according to his own desire;
and would have trusted him Her self as much as formerly. Yet
she complied so far with the King's aversion, that she yet for-
bore to press it, or to own the encouragement she had given
him; nor had she a willingness to oppose so great a torrent of
prejudice, as she saw evidently run against him; so that she
appear'd not to wish, what without doubt she would have
been very glad of. However the Marquis of *Hertford* was
now come to *Oxford*, and expected the performance of the
King's promise to him, and to be admitted into the Office of
Groom of the Stole; of which the King took not the least
notice to him since his return; which made it the more sus-
pected, that the intention was to readmit the old Officer; and
this apprehension was confirm'd by the Queen's looking less

graciously upon the Marquis, than she had used to do. And it is true, though it may be she did not intend to make any such discovery by her looks, she was not pleased that any such promise was made, both because it was without her Consent, and as it crossed what she design'd; and much desir'd that the Marquis could have been perswaded to have released it; towards which the Lord *Fermyn*, with some passion spoke to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, "How unreasonable a thing it was for the Marquis, who was Master of so great a Fortune, to affect such a low Preferment (as he term'd it) "and "how generous a thing it would be to quit his pretence: but he quickly discover'd him not to be willing to engage in any such Proposition. All this wonderfully indisposed the other Lords, and the Persons of Quality in the Town, who did not wish to see the Court just fill'd as it had been, or the Queen her self possess'd of so absolute a Power, as she had been formerly; though they look'd upon her Person with all Duty and Reverence.

THE Earl of *Holland* did not act his own part with that art and dexterity, which might have been expected from his cunning and experience; nor had ever made the least Apology to the King for any thing he had formerly done; nor appear'd to have the least sense that he had committed any error, as his Majesty himself declar'd to those who he knew were his Friends; and said, "That he behaved himself with the "same Confidence, and Assurance, as he had done when he "was most in his Favour; and that he retain'd still the old "Artifice at Court, to be seen to whisper in the King's and "Queen's Ear, by which People thought there was some secret, when the matter of those whispers was nothing but "what might be said in the open Court; and that the Earl of "*Holland* had several times seem'd to desire to say somewhat "in private to him, upon which he had withdrawn from the "Company to the end or corner of the Room, and, at first, "expected and apprehended, that he would say somewhat in "his own excuse; but that he had never then said one word, "but what he might have spoke in the Circle; with which, the King said, "He was the better pleased; and that he believ'd, he had not been more particular in his discourse with "the Queen, save that he used to entertain Her with the Wisdom and Power of the Parliament, and what great things "they would be able to do, and how much they were respected in Foreign Parts; which, his Majesty said, was a strange "discourse for a Man to make, who had so lately left them, "because he thought the King's Condition to be the better "of the two.

THE Earl had a Friend who did heartily desire to do him all

all the Offices, and Services, that would consist with the King's Honour, and always apprehended the ill consequence of discouraging such Conversions, and who spoke often to the Earl of his own Affairs. And when he complain'd of his usage, and repeated, what promises and encouragement he had receiv'd to come to the King, and of what importance his good reception would have been, "That there were many of considerable Reputation, and Interest in the House of Commons (whom he named) "Who intended to have follow'd; and "that the Earl of *Northumberland* expected only his Advice; his Friend ask'd him, "Whether he had done all things, since "he came to the King, which might reasonably be expected "from him? He said "He thought he had done all could be "expected from him, in bringing himself to the King; and "since his coming to him, in venturing his Life for him; and "in lieu thereof he had not receiv'd Thanks, or one gracious "Word; and now, after his Office had been kept unbestow'd "near two years, and a promise made to him, that he should "be restor'd to it, it was to be bestow'd upon another, to "make his disgrace the more notorious; which he thought "would not prove for his Majesty's Honour or Advantage.

HIS Friend asked him, "Whether he had ask'd it of the "King, or inform'd him of the promise that was made to him? He said "He had done neither, nor ever would; He expected it of the King's Grace, and would not extort it by a "promise, which, it might be, his Majesty was not privy to. The other replied very plainly to him, "That if he thought "he had never committed any fault against the King, he had "no reason to acknowledge it, or make excuse for it; but "if he were Conscious of any such, how unwarily soever it "had been done, or how unmaliciously soever it had been intended, he ought to make some Confession, and Apology "to his Majesty; nor could his Majesty, with the safety of his "Honour, avow the receiving him into any trust without it; "nor was he capable of receiving any Offices from his Friends, "or the Queen's own declar'd interposition on his behalf, till "he had perform'd that necessary Introduction. He told him, "if he would follow His Advice, he believ'd he might receive "some effect of it, which was, "That he should send to desire "a private Audience of his Majesty in some Room, where no "body might be present; which would not be refused him; "and then he should (with all the excuses upon the terror "the Parliament gave to all Men who had exceeded the common Rules, in their Administration of the trust they had "from his Majesty; as he could not deny He had done in "many particulars for the Advancement of his Majesty's Service) confess, that he had not been hardy enough to con-
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“temn that Power, but had been so much in awe of it, that
 “he chose rather to presume upon his Majesty’s goodness,
 “than to provoke their Jealousy and Displeasure; and so had
 “complied with them more, than in his Duty and Gratitude
 “to his Majesty he ought to have done; for which he begged
 “his Pardon upon his knees; and if he might obtain it, he
 “made no doubt, he should wipe out the memory of past Of-
 “fences by some new Services, which should be beneficial to
 “his Majesty; and he added, “That he would do very well,
 “if he would sue out his Pardon, as the Earl of *Bedford* had
 “done; who had ask’d it of the King when he first kissed his
 “hand, and had since wisely taken it out under the Great Seal
 “of *England*.

THE Earl of *Holland* seem’d not at all pleas’d with this Ad-
 vice; said, “He did not think, (though he would not justify
 “all that he had done,) his Transgressions were of that magni-
 “tude, that they requir’d such a formality of asking Pardon;
 “that his Case was very different from that of the Earl of *Bed-*
 “*ford*, who had been in Arms, and a General Officer in the
 “Field against the King; whereas He had only sat in the
 “Parliament, as lawfully he might do; and if he had failed in
 “his attendance upon his Majesty, and otherwise deserv’d his
 “displeasure, he had receiv’d so many marks of it before he
 “deserv’d it, that might well transport a very faithful Servant
 “into a discontent. That as soon as he found himself restor’d
 “to any proportion of his Majesty’s Grace and Confidence,
 “his own inclination would carry him to as humble Apolo-
 “gies, and as deep acknowledgements of all his Transgressions,
 “as could be expected from him, and such as he believ’d
 “would reconcile the King’s goodness to him: but to make
 “the first advance by such a kind of submission, he did not
 “think he could prevail over himself to do it. However,
 he took his Advice very kindly, and spoke often with him af-
 “ter upon the same Subject.

BEING, upon Conference with some other Friends, advis’d
 the same, especially by his Daughter (whom he lov’d, and
 esteem’d exceedingly) he seem’d resolv’d to do it; but whe-
 ther he thought worse of the King’s Affairs, or liked the
 Court the less, because he saw the Poverty of it, and that
 whatever Place or Favour he might obtain, he could not ex-
 pect a Support from it to defray his Expences (nor could he
 draw it from any other place) he delay’d it so long, that the
 King found it reasonable to confer the Office he had before
 promis’d, upon the Marquis of *Hertford*.

UPON which he withdrew himself, for his convenience,
 to a Neighbour Village, where he had a private Lodging;
 and, after few days, with the help of a dark Night and a good
 Guide,

Guide, he got himself into the Enemies Quarters, and laid himself at the Feet of the Parliament; which, after a short imprisonment, gave him leave to live in his own House, without farther considering him, than as a Man able to do little good or harm. And yet he did endeavour to render himself as grateful to them as he could, by an Act very unsuitable to his Honour, or his own generous Nature: for he publish'd a Declaration in Print of the cause of his going to, and returning from *Oxford*; in which, he endeavour'd to make it believ'd, "That his compassion, and love to his Country, had only prevail'd with him to go to the King, in hope to have been able, upon the long knowledge his Majesty had of his Fidelity, to perswade him to make a Peace with his Parliament; which, from the time of his coming thither, he had labour'd to do; but that he found the Court so indisposed to Peace, and that the Papists had so great a Power there (using many expressions dishonourable towards the King and his Council) that he resolv'd to make what haste he could back to the Parliament, and to spend the remainder of his life in Their Service: which Action, so contrary to his own natural discretion and generosity, lost him the Affection of those few who had preserv'd some kindness for him, and got him Credit with no body; and may teach all Men how dangerous it is to step aside out of the path of Innocence, and Virtue, upon any presumption to be able to get into it again; since such Men usually satisfy themselves in doing any thing to mend the present exigent they are in, rather than think of returning to that Condition of Innocence from whence they departed with a purpose, perhaps, of returning.

HOWEVER, this unhappy ill Carriage of the Earl, doth not absolve the Court from oversight in treating him no better; which was a great error; and made the King, and all those about him, look'd upon as implacable; and so diverted all Men from farther thoughts of returning to their Duty by such application, and made those who abhorr'd the War, and the violent Counsels in the carrying it on, choose rather to acquiesce, and expect a Conjunction when a general Peace might be made, than to expose themselves by unseasonable, and unwelcome Addresses. The Earl of *Northumberland*, who was gone to *Petworth*, as is said before, with a purpose of going to the King, if by the Lord *Conway's* Negotiation, and the Earl of *Holland's* reception, he found encouragement, return'd to the Parliament; where he was receiv'd with great respect; all Men concluding, that he had never intended to do, what he had not done. And the other Members who had entertain'd the same Resolutions, changed their minds with him, and return'd to their former Station: and the two Earls who yet

The Earl of Holland returns into the Parliaments Quarters.

And likewise the
Earls of Bedford
and Clare.

The Transactions of
the Committee of the
two Houses in Scotland.

yet remain'd at *Oxford*, shortly after found means to make their Peace at *Westminster*; and return'd again to their own Habitation in *London*, without a farther mark of displeasure, than a restraint, for a time, from coming to the House of Peers, or being trusted in their Counsels.

THE Committee from the two Houses of Parliament, which was sent into *Scotland* in *July* before, in the distraction of their Affairs, when *St. William Waller* was defeated, and the Earl of *Essex's* Army unserviceable, as is remember'd, found that Kingdom in so good and ready a posture for their reception, that they had call'd an Assembly of their Kirk, and a Convention of their Estates, without, and expressly against, the King's Consent; and without any colour of Law; for the time when, by their late Act of Parliament, they might of right challenge those meetings, was not come by almost a year; and the King had refused to Convene them sooner. That Kingdom was at Unity and Peace amongst themselves, and so at the more leisure to help their Neighbours; and the Government of all Affairs in their Hands who were to be Confided in; and they again ruled, and disposed by a few who were thoroughly engaged in the Counsels and Discomposures in *England*; for all those who were visibly affected to the King's Service, or disaffected eminently to the Persons in Authority there, were fled the Kingdom; and they who stay'd behind, either had, or pretended to have, the same affections; of which a full declared Zeal, and good Will to the Parliament of *England*, was a common evidence.

So that the Committee found as good a welcome, as they could wish, and all Men disposed to gain their good opinion; a Committee was appointed both out of the Convention of Estates, and the Assembly, "To Treat with them, and to make such conclusions, as might be thought necessary to advance the Peace, and Happiness of both Kingdoms. These Men complied with them, in their full sense of the sad Condition of the Affairs of *England*, and in their own concernment in the misfortunes, which should befall them: they said, "They well understood, how much the fate of *Scotland* was involved in what should befall the Parliament of *England*; "and that if the King prevailed by force, and, by the power of his Army, oppress'd those Friends, who had express'd a tenderness formerly towards them, they had reason to expect the same Army should be applied to the revenge of those indignities they would easily persuade his Majesty, he had suffer'd from that his Native Kingdom: and therefore, they needed no Arguments to persuade them, to commiserate the Estate of their Brethren of *England*; or to convince them, that their Case was their own, and their mutual

“tual safety bound up together: but that those Politick Arguments and Considerations, would have no influence upon the People, who had such a natural Affection and Loyalty to their Sovereign, as no Earthly consideration would be able to prevail with them to lessen their Obedience towards his Majesty; and that, albeit there was no visible Party and Faction, that appear’d in the Kingdom for the King, yet that there were many well wishers to him, and maligners, in their Hearts, of the present Reformation; who, as soon as there should be any preparation for an Army to march into *England*, would be ready, upon the specious Arguments of Duty to his Majesty, and of Peace to their Country, and might be able, to give great disturbance to the Expedition, or to disquiet the Realm, when the most eminently affected were march’d towards the relief of their distressed Neighbours; except some obligation of Conscience were laid upon the People; who only prefer’d what they called their Piety to God, before their inclination to their Prince, and the setting up the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, before the vindication of a Temporal Jurisdiction.

FOR such an expedient therefore, they propos’d, “That A Covenant proposed by the Scots between the two Kingdoms, and agreed to. a Covenant might be agreed upon between the two Kingdoms, for the utter Extirpation of Prelacy, which that Kingdom was satisfied to be a great obstruction to the Reformation of Religion; and the two Houses of Parliament had discover’d a sufficient aversion from that Government, by having pass’d a Bill for their utter Abolition, and in the place thereof to erect such a Government, as should be most agreeable to God’s Word, which they doubted not would be their own Presbytery; and that the People being Cemented together by such an obligation, would never be sever’d and disjoin’d by any Temptation.

THERE was an easy consent, from the Committee of the *English*, to any expedient that might thoroughly engage the other Nation; and so a form of words was quickly agreed on between them, for a perfect Combination and Marriage between the Parliament and the *Scots*, in all such particulars, as were most like to be unacceptable to the King; and this form being presently communicated to the Convention of Estates, and the Assembly, as soon found an approbation and concurrence there, with as much solemnity, as was necessary to shew their Temper and Resolution, and to gain the consent of the two Houses at *Westminster*, whither it was dispatch’d with all imaginable celerity, and a signification “That That People” were in such a forwardness to advance, that they would be “in *England* as soon as they could be reasonably expected. And it was indeed apparent enough, that, upon their discipline since

since the late Commotions, and the cunning preface and foresight of that People, there was nothing requisite to their March, but the calling them together.

MANY were of opinion, that this Engagement was proposed "Rather to decline being engaged in the Quarrel, than
"out of hope or imagination that the two Houses would Con-
"cur with them; for though there had been a Bill passed,
"before the last Treaty with the King, to that purpose, yet
"they well knew that most of the Peers, and Persons of Qua-
"lity and Interest in the other House, were willing to depart
"from that Overture. Besides, amongst those who raged
"joyntly against Episcopacy, there were so many opinions,
"that it would be no less difficult to establish Their Presby-
"tery, than to root out the other Government, to which they
"intended by their Covenant equally to oblige them: so that
"upon this Proposition, which was according to the known
"temper of that Nation, they should preserve themselves plau-
"sibly, and without seeming to desert their Confederates,
"from bearing any part in the present Troubles. However,
"it would visibly take up so much time, that if there were
"no Ebb in the King's prosperity and success, he might well
"finish his work, and this Interposition be interpreted for a
"Politick Stratagem to amuse the *English*. But if this was
"their Stratagem, they met with People too frank hearted, and
"not scrupulous to contribute towards it: for the draught of the
"Covenant no sooner came to *Westminster*, but they shew'd a
"marvellous inclination to it. Yet as well because it was not
"yet known what success the Earl of *Essex* would have in the
"Relief of *Gloucester*, which was like to have a shrew'd influence
"upon Men's Affections and Consciences, as that they might
"seem to use all necessary deliberation, and caution, for the in-
"formation of their Judgments in a new case, that concern'd
"the Religion, and Ecclesiastical Fabrick of the Kingdom, they
"transmitted it to their Assembly of Divines, to return their
"opinion "Of the lawfulness of taking it in point of Con-
"science.

THE Assembly, besides that it was constituted of Members
"who had all renounced their Obedience to their King, and
"Submission to the Church of *England*, by their appearance and
"presence in that Convention, had been lately taught how dan-
"gerous it was to dissent from the current opinion of the House
"of Commons: for Doctor *Featly* (upon whose Reputation in
"Learning, they had raised great advantages to themselves)
"having made many Speeches in the Assembly in the behalf of
"The order of Bishops, and their Function, and against the
"Alienation of Church Lands, as Sacrilege, and especially
"inveigh'd against "The liberty that was taken in matter of
"Religion,

“Religion, by which so many Sects were grown up to the scandal and reproach of the Protestant Doctrine, if not of Christianity it self, had so far incurred their displeasure, and provoked their jealousy, that an ordinary fellow (so well Confirm’d in Spirit, that they fear’d not his failing or conversion) was directed to make application to him in cases of Conscience, and after he had gotten sufficient credit with him (which was no hard matter) to intimate to him, “That he had a sure and unquestionable conveyance to *Oxford*, or that he was “to go thither himself, and if he had any occasion to use his “Service thither, he would faithfully execute his Commands. The Dr believing the Messenger to be sincere, and the King’s Affairs standing then prosperous, gave him Letters for the Arch Bishop of *Armagh*, Primate of *Ireland*, who waited on his Majesty; and by this Artifice, the same Instrument receiv’d two or three Letters from him, pretending they were still sent by infallible hands; and brought them always to those Persons by whom he was entrusted in the work of his imposture.

THE Letters contain’d many Apologies for himself “For “being engaged in such a Congregation, to which he submitted purely out of Conscience, and for the Service of the “King and Church, in hope that he might be able to prevent “many extravagancies, and to contain those unruly Spirits “within some bounds of regularity, and moderation; of his endeavours that way, he gave many instances; and sent Copies of what he had said in justification of Episcopacy, the Liturgy, and the establish’d Government, and concluded with a desire to his Grace, “To procure a good opinion from the “King towards him, and some Bishoprick or Dencary for his “recompence. About the time that this Agitation was in *Scotland*, and very little before this Covenant was transmitted, these Letters were produced, and a charge against that Doctor, “for betraying the trust reposed in him, and adhering to the “Enemy; and thereupon the poor Man was expelled the Assembly of Divines, both his Livings (for he had two within a very small distance of *London*) sequester’d; his Study of Books and Estate seized, and himself committed to a Common Goal, where he continued to his death; which beset him the sooner, through the extreme wants he underwent; so solicitous was that Party to remove any impediment that troubled them, and so implacable to any who were weary of their Journey, though they had accompanied them very far in their way.

THIS fresh example the *Assembly of Godly and Learned Divines*, had before their Eyes when this Covenant was sent to them for their consideration, and speedy resolution; and according to the haste it required, that Clergy return’d within

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two days their full approbation of it; there having been but two Ministers who made any pause or scruple of it, and they again soon confessing "They had receiv'd full satisfaction to "their doubts in the Debate, and that they were fully con-
"vinced of the Lawfulness, and Piety of it. Having receiv'd so absolute an approbation and concurrence, and the Battle of Newbury being in that timelike over (which clear'd and remov'd more doubts, than the Assembly had done) it staid very few hours with both Houses; but being at once, judged Convenient, and Lawful, the Lords and Commons, and their Assembly of Divines, met together at the Church, with great solemnity to take it, on the five and twentieth day of September; a double Holyday, by the Earl of Essex's return to London, and this Religious Exercise.

THERE, two or three of their Divines went up into the Pulpit successively, not to Preach, but to Pray; others, according to their several Gifts, to make Orations upon the work of the day. They were by them told, "That this Oath was
"such, and in the matter and consequence of it, of such con-
"cernment, as it was truly worthy of them, *Yea* of those King-
"doms, *Yea* of all the Kingdoms of the World: That it could
"be no other, but the result and answer of such Prayers and
"Tears, of such sincerity and sufferings, that three Kingdoms
"should be thus Born, or rather New Born in a day: That
"they were entering upon a work of the greatest moment and
"concernment to themselves, and to their Posterities after
"them, that ever was undertaken by any of them, or any of
"their Fore-Fathers before them. That it was a Duty of the
"first Commandment, and therefore of the highest and no-
"blest order and rank of Duties; therefore must come forth
"attended with choicest Graces, Fear, Humility, and in the
"greatest simplicity, and plainness of Spirit, and respect of
"those with whom they Covenanted. That it was to ad-
"vance the Kingdom of Christ here upon Earth, and make
"*Jerusalem* once more the praise of the whole Earth, not-
"withstanding all the contradictions of Men; with many
"such high expressions, as can hardly be conceiv'd, with-
"out the view of the Records, and Registry that is kept of
"them.

It will be here most necessary, that Posterity may be inform'd of the rare conclusion, in which two Nations, with such wonderful unanimity, did agree, and which was calculated also for the Meridian of a third Kingdom (for *Ireland* is likewise comprehended in it) to insert this League and Covenant in the precise terms in which it was receiv'd, and enter'd into; which was in these words.

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A Solemn League and Covenant for Reformation, and Defence of Religion, the Honour and Happiness of the King; and the Peace and Safety of the three Kingdoms of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

“WE Noblemen, Barons, Knights, Gentlemen, Citizens, *A Copy of*
“Burgesses, Ministers of the Gospel, and Commons of all *the Cove-*
“Sorts in the Kingdom of *England, Scotland, and Ireland,* *nant.*
“by the Providence of God living under one King, and being
“of One Reform’d Religion, having before our Eyes the Glo-
“ry of God, and the advancement of the Kingdom of our
“Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Honour and Happiness
“of the King’s Majesty, and his Posterity, and the true Pub-
“lick Liberty, Safety, and Peace of the Kingdoms, wherein
“every ones private condition is included; and calling to
“mind the treacherous, and bloody Plots, Conspiracies, At-
“tempts, and Practices of the Enemies of God, against the
“true Religion, and Professors thereof, in all places, espe-
“cially in these three Kingdoms, ever since the Reformation
“of Religion, and how much their Rage, Power, and Pre-
“sumption, are of late, and at this time, encreased and ex-
“cised (whereof the deplorable Estate of the Church and
“Kingdom of *Ireland,* the distressed Estate of the Church
“and Kingdom of *England,* and the dangerous Estate of the
“Church and Kingdom of *Scotland,* are present, and publick
“Testimonies) We have now at last (after other means of
“Supplication, Remonstrance, Protestations, and Sufferings)
“for the preservation of our Selves and our Religion from
“utter ruin and destruction, according to the commendable
“practice of these Kingdoms in former times, and the exam-
“ple of God’s People in other Nations, after mature delibe-
“ration, resolv’d, and determin’d to enter into a mutual,
“and solemn League and Covenant, wherein We all Sub-
“scribe, and each one of Us for himself, with our hands
“lifted up to the most high God, do swear,
1. THAT We shall sincerely, really, and constantly,
“through the grace of God, endeavour in our severall places
“and callings the preservation of the Reform’d Religion in
“the Church of *Scotland,* in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline,
“and Government, against our Common Enemies; the Re-
“formation of Religion in the Kingdoms of *England,* and
“*Ireland,* in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Govern-
“ment, according to the Word of God, and the example of
“the best Reform’d Churches; and We shall endeavour to
“bring the Churches of God in the three Kingdoms, to the
“nearest Conjunction and Uniformity in Religion, Confession
“of Faith, Form of Church Government, Directory for Wor-
“ship,

"ship, and Catechising; that we, and our Posterity after Us, may, as Brethren, live in faith and love, and the Lord may delight to dwell in the midst of Us.

2. "THAT We shall, in like manner, without respect of Persons, endeavour the extirpation of Popery, Prelacy (that is Church Government by Arch-Bishops, Bishops, their Chancellors, and Commissaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-Deacons, and all other Ecclesiastical Officers depending on that Hierarchy) Superstition, Heresy, Schism, Prophaness, and whatsoever shall be found to be contrary to sound Doctrine, and the power of Godliness, lest We partake in other Men's Sins, and thereby be in danger to receive of Their Plagues; and that the Lord may be One, and his Name One in the three Kingdoms.

3. "WE shall, with the same sincerity, reality, and constancy, in our several Vocations, endeavour with our Estates, and Lives, mutually to preserve the Rights and Privileges of the Parliaments, and the Liberties of the Kingdoms, and to preserve, and defend the King's Majesty's Person, and Authority, in the preservation and defence of the true Religion, and Liberties of the Kingdoms; that the World may bear Witness, with our Consciences, of our Loyalty; and that we have no thoughts or intention to diminish his Majesty's just power and greatness.

4. "WE shall also, with all faithfulness, endeavour the discovery of all such as have been, or shall be Incendiaries, Malignants, or evil Instrument, by hindering the Reformation of Religion, dividing the King from his People, or one of the Kingdoms from another, or making any Factions or Parties among the People, contrary to this League and Covenant; that they may be brought to publick Trial, and receive condign punishment, as the degree of their Offences shall require or deserve; or the supreme Judicatories of both Kingdoms respectively, or others having power from them for that effect, shall judge convenient.

5. "AND whereas the happiness of a blessed Peace between these Kingdoms, denied in former times to our Progenitors, is by the good Providence of God granted unto Us, and hath been lately concluded and settled by both Parliaments, we shall, each one of Us, according to our places and interest, endeavour, that they may remain conjoyn'd in a firm Peace and Union to all Posterity, and that justice may be done upon the wilful Opposers thereof, in manner expressed in the precedent Articles.

6. "WE shall also, according to our places and callings, in this Common Cause of Religion, Liberty, and Peace of the Kingdoms, assist and defend all those that enter into this
"League

“League and Covenant, in the maintaining and pursuing thereof; and shall not suffer our selves directly or indirectly, by whatsoever combination, perswasion, or terror, to be divided, and withdrawn from this blessed Union and Conjunction, whether to make defection to the contrary part, or to give our selves to a detestable Indifference of Neutrality in this cause, which so much concerneth the Glory of God, the Good of the Kingdoms, and the Honour of the King; but shall, all the days of our lives, zealously and constantly continue therein, against all opposition, and promote the same according to our power, against all Lets and Impediments whatsoever. And what We are not able our selves to suppress, or overcome, We shall reveal, and make known, that it may be timely prevented or remov’d; all which We shall do as in the sight of God.

“AND because these Kingdoms are guilty of many Sins, and Provocations against God, and his Son Jesus Christ, as is too manifest by our present distresses and dangers, the fruits thereof; We profess and declare, before God and the World, our unfeigned desire to be humbled for our own Sins, and for the Sins of these Kingdoms; especially, that We have not, as we ought, valued the inestimable benefit of the Gospel, that We have not labour’d for the purity, and power thereof; and that We have not endeavour’d to receive Christ in our hearts, not to walk worthy of him in our lives, which are the causes of other Sins and Transgressions so much abounding amongst Us: And our true, and unfeigned purpose, desire and endeavour for our selves, and all others under our power and charge, both in publick and in private, in all duties We owe to God and Man, to amend our lives, and each one to go before another in the example of a real Reformation; that the Lord may turn away his wrath and heavy indignation, and establish these Churches and Kingdoms in Truth and Peace. And this Covenant We make in the presence of Almighty God, the searcher of all hearts, with a true intention to perform the same, as we shall Answer at that great day, when the Secrets of all hearts shall be disclos’d; most humbly beseeching the Lord, to strengthen Us by his holy Spirit, for this end; and to bless our desires, and proceedings, with such success, as may be a deliverance and safety to his People, and encouragement to other Christian Churches, groaning under, or in danger of, the Yoke of Anti-Christian Tyranny, to joyn in the same, or like Association and Covenant, to the Glory of God, the Enlargement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, and the Peace, and Tranquility of Christian Kingdoms and Common-wealths.

AS SOON as this solemnity was over, which was concluded by M^r *Henderſon* (the ſole Eccleſiaſtical Commiſſioner from the Kingdom of *Scotland*) who magnified what they had done, and aſſured them “Of great ſucceſs after it, by the experience “of that Nation, who, from their Union in their firſt Cove-
“nant, found nothing hard they propoſed to themſelves; and told them, “That were that Covenant now painted upon the
“Wall within the Pope’s Palace, it would doubtleſs put him “into *Belſhazzar*’s quaking condition; the Speaker and Com-
mons (having firſt ſet their hands to the Covenant, after they had taken it) return’d to their Houſe, and obſerving, that many of their Members were that day abſent, the cauſe where-
of was eaſy to be gueſſed, they order’d, “That, as ſoon as they
“came into the Houſe, the Covenant ſhould be tender’d to
“them, and whoſoever refus’d to take it, ſhould be proceeded
“againſt as a diſaffected Perſon, in ſuch manner as the Houſe
“ſhall think fit.

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THEY farther made a ſpecial Order, “That all the Mini-
ſters of Pariſh Churches within *London*, and *Weſtminſter*,
“the Suburbs, and the whole line of Communication, ſhould
“read and explain the Covenant to their ſeveral Congregati-
“ons, and ſtir them up, the next Faſt-day, to the cheerful ta-
“king of it: and particular care was taken, that all the Stu-
“dents of the Inns of Court ſhould be perſwaded to receive it.
But over and above theſe general directions, there was a par-
ticular ceremony, and application to recommend this Cove-
nant to the City, and Corporation of *London*, and another
uſe to be made of it. The Covenant was not only to bring,
but to keep Men together; and the taking it had only inclin’d
the *Scots* to march to their Aſſiſtance; they were to have
one hundred thouſand pounds advanced to them, and paid at
Edenborough, before they could ſtir; and how to advance this
great Sum, was not eaſy to reſolve. All their Ordinances
for levying of Money were expir’d; their Iſſues and Diſburſ-
ments ſo vaſt, that no income was ſufficient; their Exchequer
was exhausted, and even their Publick Faith Bankrupt: ſuch
Anticipations upon all kind of receipts, for Monies borrow-
ed, and already ſpent, that they had no Capitol for future
Security.

THE Judicature of the Houſe of Peers (though their Num-
ber was but ten, for there was no more at the Sentence of Ju-
ſtice *Berkley*) had helped them all they could. Juſtice *Berk-
ley*, who had been committed by them to the Tower, ſhortly
after the beginning of the Parliament, upon a Charge of High
Treaſon, and ſince the beginning of the War, permitted to ſit
as ſole Judge in the King’s Bench, one whole Term, was now
brought to Judgment, and by their Lordſhips fined the Sum
of

of twenty thousand pounds, and made incapable of any place of Judicature; and upon abatement of half, and his Liberty, he paid the other ten thousand pounds together, to those Persons they appointed to receive it; which, since all fines are due to the King alone, and cannot be disposed but by him, many thought a greater crime than that for which he was sentenced. Baron *Trevor*, who was fined for the same Offence, and suffer'd still to continue the same Office, in which he had committed his misdemeanour, yielded them as much more. But these petty sums were disposed before they were receiv'd, and were but small drops to quench the great drought they sustain'd: so that the reputation and security of this Covenant, was, amongst other Uses, to bring in money too.

To that purpose, a Committee of Lords and Commons, with some of their Divines of the Assembly, was sent to the *Guild-Hall*, where the Mayor had called a Common Council for their reception, to recommend to them, "The wonderful advantage and strength their Party should gain by taking, and being united in this Covenant, and the desperate condition they were like to be in without it: If the *Scots* came not to their Assistance, which, without this obligation, they could not do, they were in danger to be overwhelm'd by the Enemy; or at least to make a disadvantageous and dishonourable Peace with them; which yet they could not tell how it would be observ'd and kept. On the other hand, by this famous accession of strength of a whole Nation, they should undoubtedly be able to master the War; and to make those who had been the Causers of it, defray the Charge; and so all the Publick debts being discharged out of the Estates of Delinquents and Malignants, the Kingdom would not be at all impoverished, and the Peace, which should hereafter be made with the King, would be sure to be inviolably observ'd by the strength of this Union; and therefore that it could not be purchased at too dear a rate.

"It was, they said, "Neither Covetousness, nor want of Affection, and Zeal to their Relief, that the *Scots*; who took Their Cause to heart as their own, desired an Advance of Money before they drew their Army into *England*, but pure Necessity, and the Poverty of that Kingdom, already exhausted by their late expeditions, and keeping their Soldiers together for the good of This. And if there had been Money enough in that Country to have been procured upon the publick Stock and Revenue, or the Mortgage of private Estates, to which all Men were forward for the Publick Good, their Love to their Brethren here was such, that they would neither have asked, nor receiv'd, Money for their Assistance, after it had proved effectual; much less,

“before the yielding it. For Evidence of which frank and “Brotherly Inclination, they freely offer’d the Engagement “of their own Estates, for the repayment of the Money that “should be advanc’d : which was the first time, that ever Land in *Scotland* had been offer’d for security of Money borrowed in the City of *London*. In the end, they very devoutly extolled the Covenant, magnified the *Scottish* Nation, with all imaginable Attributes of Esteem and Reverence, “A Nation “that had engaged it self to God in a higher way, in a more “extraordinary way, than any Nation this day upon the face of “the Earth had done ; a Nation, that had reform’d their lives “for so small a time, more then ever any People, that they “knew of, in the world had done ; a Nation, that God had “honour’d by giving as glorious Success unto, as ever he did “unto any : and very earnestly desired the Loan of an hundred thousand Pounds. The Rhetorick and the Zeal prevailed ; a hundred thousand pounds was promised, and shortly provided, and sent to *Edenborough* ; and the Assurance of the *Scots* coming so full, that they were looked upon as Masters of *New-Castle* already. With such an alacrity all these things were transacted.

THAT Violent Party in the Parliament, which never intended any Peace with the King, and had more desperate Mutations in their purposes, than they avow’d, even amongst those who concurr’d with them in all they desired, did not think themselves secure in the Affection of the People, nor in those who had the greatest Trust in their Affairs. They had seen the great Changes in the Houses, in the City, and in the Country, upon their late ill Successes, the Defeat of *Waller*, and the loss of *Bristol* ; and though the Earl of *Essex* still adhered to them, yet they saw he was not pleased, nor favoured one of those Men upon whom they most depended ; but, on the contrary, all who were countenanced by Him, or in His confidence, were Men of such Principles as they liked not, or who desired no other Alterations, in the Court or Government, but only of the Persons who Acted in it : therefore they had taken an opportunity, in the greatest dejection of Spirit, and when they looked upon themselves as near swallow’d up by the King’s Power, to move “That they “might send into *Scotland* to their Brethren there, to joyn “with them, and to assist them with an Army, that they might “by such a Conjunction, have a support, to make them so “considerable, as to be Treated with, and to receive Conditions which might preserve them from ruin : which Proposition, being for so Common an Interest and Benefit, had receiv’d a General concurrence ; and so that Committee of both Houses had been sent into *Scotland*, to put them in mind

mind "Of their joynt concernment, and how impossible it "would be, for the *Scots* long to enjoy the great Concessions "they had obtain'd from the King, when the Parliament of "*England*, by whose Friendship, Power, and Authority they "had obtain'd them, should be oppress'd, and forced to yield "to such Conditions for their particular preservations, as the "King would think fit to give them. But they were not a little startled, when they found this Message had oblig'd them to a present expence of a hundred thousand pounds, before there was any visible Relief given them; and saw themselves involv'd in new obligations of Guilt, and to purposes they really never intended.

THERE hath been scarce any thing more wonderful throughout the Progress of these Distractions, than that this Covenant did with such extraordinary expedition, pass the two Houses, when all the Leading Persons in those Councils, were at the same time known to be as great Enemies to Presbytery (the Establishment whereof was the main end of this Covenant) as they were to the King or the Church. And He who contributed most to it, and, in truth, was the Principal Contriver of it, and the Man by whom the Committee in *Scotland* was entirely, and stupidly govern'd, *Sr Harry Vane* the Younger, was not afterwards more known to abhor the Covenant, and the Presbyterians, than he was at that very time known to do, and laugh'd at 'em then, as much as ever he did afterwards.

He was indeed a Man of extraordinary Parts, a pleasant Wit, a great Understanding, which pierc'd into, and discern'd the purposes of other Men with wonderful Sagacity, whilst he had himself *vultum clausum*, that no Man could make a guess of what he intended. He was of a Temper not to be moved, and of rare dissimulation, and could comply when it was not reasonable to contradict, without losing ground by the condescension; and if he were not superior to *Mr Hamden*, he was inferior to no other Man, in all mysterious Artifices. There need no more be said of his Ability, than that he was chosen to cozen, and deceive a whole Nation which was thought to excel in craft and cunning: which he did with notable pregnancy and dexterity, and prevailed with a People, that could not otherwise be prevailed upon, than by advancing their Idol Presbytery, to sacrifice their Peace, their Interest, and their Faith, to the erecting a Power and Authority that resolv'd to persecute Presbytery to an Extirpation; and, in process of time, very near brought their purpose to pass.

THE Nation of *Scotland*, in general, had been so fully satisfied in all that they could pretend to desire, that they were cry well dispos'd to be Spectators of what was done in

England without engaging themselves in the Quarrel ; and though there were some powerful Men amongst them, whose Guilt would not suffer them to believe that they could be otherwise secure, than by the King's want of Power to call them to Justice, yet their Number was not thought so great, as to be able to corrupt the People into a bare-faced Act of Rebellion ; nor had they any such face of Authority, as to invite them to it. Without a Parliament, they could not propose it ; the King had absolutely refused to call a Parliament, and it was yet above a year to come, before a Parliament could be Assembled without the King's Consent ; and in that time, the King might have the better of his Enemies. However, the Commissioners of the Parliament had not been long at *Edenborough*, before they prevailed with the Council to call a Parliament ; which Duke *Hamilton*, and others, who pretended great devotion to the King, and were of the Council, had promised the King to oppose, and said " They were powerful enough to prevent it. When it came to the point, Duke *Hamilton*, being, one way or other, perswaded himself, perswaded others, " That the absolute refusal to suffer " a Parliament to be called, would not quiet the Debate, nor " secure the King, but more enflame those who desir'd it ; " who would take some other time, when many of them who " opposed it should be absent, to propose it ; and so would " carry it : and that therefore they were better be absent at " first, whereby the others might, without opposition, send " out their Summons for a Parliament to Assemble, at the day " they thought fit ; and that, as they who would serve the " King would not be there, so they should prevail with as " many others as they could, not to be there likewise ; where- " by the number which appear'd, would be so inconsiderable, " that they would not dare to sit, but perfectly disperse ; and " this disappointment would for ever quash that design, and " render those who advised it, odious to the People ; as Men " who desir'd illegally to engage the Nation in unjustifiable " ways, to disturb the Publick Peace.

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in Scotland. SUMMONS was accordingly sent out to call a Parliament, to meet at a day appointed ; before which time, those of the Nobility and Gentry, who did really desire to serve the King, applied themselves to Duke *Hamilton* (whose advice and orders, the King himself had required them to observe ; unhappily still believing him to be faithful) to know what they should do : many of the principal of them declaring their opinions to him, " That they should take an opportunity to " meet together, and bring their Friends with them, whereby " they might make a good Body of Horse, and so, with their " Arms in their hands, they would declare against the Le- " gality

“gality of that Parliament, and the meeting in it : and named a fit opportunity to him for such a meeting at the Funeral of a Lady, which was to be within some days, when, according to the custom of that People, great Numbers of Persons of Quality use to Assemble, to do Honour to the dead in the last obsequies. He told them, “He believ’d, it must come shortly “to that remedy, but conceiv’d it not yet time, and that such “a meeting would frighten the People, and encrease the “Number in Parliament, and make many resort to them for “their directions. He likewise said, “He had changed his former opinion, concerning their own being absent at that “time of the meeting of the Parliament, since their meer absence would not be discountenance enough, and that they “who sat, would carry the Reputation of a Parliament, and “the People would be guided by them, if there were nothing “but their absence to work upon their inclinations, and affections.

He propos’d therefore to them, “That they would all resolve to be present, and take their places; and that, when “the House should be sat, and any Man should stand up to “propose the taking any business into consideration, He [the “Duke] would first make his Protestation against proceeding “in so illegal a Convention, and then they should all make “the same Protestation ; and he did hope, that the Number “of the Protestors would be great enough to dissolve the “meeting; and thus they should put the best end to the matter that could be desir’d : but if it should succeed otherwise, then would be the time to withdraw and put themselves in Arms; towards which he would make the best preparation he could; and desir’d Them to do the like. The Earl of *Kinoul*, and some others, made exception against this Expedient, and press’d the former meeting at the Funeral, till the Duke told them, “The King liked the other way better; and pulled a Letter out of his Pocket, which he had receiv’d from his Majesty, and read them so much of it, as contain’d his Approbation, “That they should meet in the Parliament; in which determination they could not but acquiesce, though they thought at the same time, that his Majesty was betray’d.

THE Parliament met at the day; and Duke *Hamilton*, according to his promise, took an opportunity to say somewhat that seem’d to imply a Protestation against the meeting; upon which, many of the Lords, who had been always most engaged against the King, were very warm; and demanded, “That he should declare himself clearly, whether he did Protest against the Parliament; whereupon his Brother the Earl of *Lanrick*, who was Secretary of State to the King, stood up,

and said, "That he hoped, that Noble Lord's Affection to his Country was better known, than that any Man could imagine he would Protest against the Parliament of the Kingdom; and then the Duke explain'd, and excus'd himself; and said, "He meant no such thing: and so they declar'd, "That they would Treat with the Commissioners, who were sent from the Parliament of *England*; and appointed Commissioners for that purpose.

- SOME are of opinion, that, even at this time, they did not intend to engage in the War against the King; but that, as a few Men cozen'd the Parliament at *Westminster*, by persuading them, "That they desir'd only a Safe Peace, till, by multiplication of Indignities, they made it impossible to make a Peace that would appear safe; so there was as small a Number in *Scotland*, that overreach'd the Parliament there, by persuading, "That they never intended to do any thing against the King, but that it would be too ingrateful a thing, and render them very odious to the whole *English* Nation, if, after they had receiv'd so many obligations from the Parliament there, to whose Protection they ow'd their Religion, and all that they enjoy'd, they should refuse so much as to Treat with them, and to assist them, by their interposition, to procure a good Peace for them with the King; which would be a great Honour to them; and would be as great an obligation to his Majesty, as to the Parliament. That this was all that was in their thoughts; and that they would avoid any Engagement in a War, not by rejecting the Proposition, but by making such Demands, as they knew well would never be accepted by the Parliament at *Westminster*. Thereupon they told the Commissioners from that Parliament, "That it would be impossible to engage their Nation in a joynt concurrence with them, against the King, but by the Influence and Authority of their Kirk; and that it would be as impossible to procure the Consent of their Kirk, except by making it evident to them, that the Government of the Church in *England*, should be reduced to the same model with theirs in *Scotland*; and that Episcopacy should be totally extirpated; and that Deans and Chapters, should be utterly abolish'd; without which, they said, "They could never think their own Government securely establish'd; but if such a promise might be solemnly made, their Kirk would be thoroughly engaged, and the Nation, to a Man, would enter into the Quarrel.

SIR *Harry Vane* was not surpris'd with the Proposition, which he had long foreseen, and came resolv'd to pay their own price for their Friendship. Thereupon, as hath been already said, the Covenant was prepared, and other Propositions

sions made for the present furnishing a great Sum of Money, to enable them to begin their Levies; and many other extravagant Conditions propos'd on the *Scots* part, for the payment of the Army, and other vast expences, that they did not believe the Commissioners would yield, or that the Parliament would perform, if they were yielded unto. Nothing of Money, or Honour, made any delay; and they came provided with some Letters of Credit, that as little time might be lost as was possible, in making all necessary preparations. The Covenant was the matter of Difficulty; they knowing well, that many of their greatest Friends, both in the Parliament, and the Army, had not any mind to change the Government of the Church; to which the People of *England* were not generally disaffected.

SIR *Harry Vane* therefore (who equally hated Episcopacy and Presbytery, save that he with'd the one Abolish'd with much impatience, believing it much easier to keep the other from being Establish'd, whatever they promis'd, than to be rid of that which was settled in the Kingdom) carefully consider'd the Covenant, and after he had alter'd, and changed many expressions in it, and made them doubtful enough to bear many interpretations, he, and his fellow Commissioners, sign'd the whole Treaty; whereby it was provided, "That The substance of the Treaty between the English Commissioners and the Scots. the Covenant should be taken throughout all his Majesty's Dominions; that a Committee of the *Scots* should always sit with the Close Committee at *Westminster* for the carrying on of the War with equal Authority; that there should be no Treaty of Peace with the King, without the joyn'd Consent of the Parliaments of both Kingdoms; and many other particulars, very derogatory to the Honour of the *English* Nation; and with all possible expedition sent it to the Close Committee at *Westminster*; in the time of their Consteration, and before the Relief of *Glocester*; which transmitted it presently back to them, allow'd and confirm'd.

AND thereupon the Parliament at *Edenborough*, resolv'd to raise a great Army, and to Invade *England*; and their old General *Lesley*, who had so solemnly promis'd the King, not only "Never to bear Arms against him, but to serve him, let the Cause be what it would, without any hesitation undertook the Command of it. All this time, Duke *Hamilton* look'd on, and sometimes sat with them; and when the first Proclamation was prepared, in the King's Name, for a General Rendezvous of all Men, from such an Age to such an Age, at such a time and place, that so their Army might be presently form'd, the Earl of *Lanrick* put the King's Signet, with the keeping whereof he was trusted, to the said Proclamation: and all this being done, both the Brothers left *Scotland*,

land, to give the King an Account at *Oxford* of all the Proceedings: Many of the Nobility of that Kingdom, who did heartily wish well to the King, being gone from thence, after the first days meeting of their Parliament (when the Duke had broken his promise to them) and inform'd his Majesty at large of that which they thought foul Infidelity.

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THE Discomposures, Jealousies, and Disgusts, which reign'd at *Oxford*, produced great Inconveniencies; and as, many times, Men in a Scuffle lose their Weapons, and light upon those which belonged to their Adversaries, who again Arm themselves with those which belonged to the others, such, one would have thought, had been the Fortune of the King's Army in the Encounters with the Enemies: for those under the King's Commanders grew insensibly into all the License, Disorder, and Impiety, with which they had reproach'd the Rebels; and They, into great Discipline, Diligence, and Sobriety; which begot Courage and Resolution in them, and notable dexterity in Atchievements and Enterprises. Inasmuch as one side seem'd to Fight for Monarchy, with the Weapons of Confusion, and the other to destroy the King and Government, with all the Principles and Regularity of Monarchy.

IN the beginning of the Troubles, the King had very prudently resolv'd with himself, to confer no Honours, or bestow any Offices or Preferments upon any, till the end and conclusion of the Service; and if that Resolution had continued, He would have found much ease by it, and his Service great Advantage. The Necessity and Exigents of the War, shortly after, made some breach into this seasonable Resolution, and, for ready Money to carry on the War, his Majesty was compelled, against his Nature, to dispense some Favours, which he would not willingly have suffer'd to be purchased, but by Vertue and high Merit. Then all Men thought Money and Money-worth to be all one; and that whosoever, by his Service, had deserv'd a Reward of Money, had deserv'd any thing that might be had for Money. And when it was apparent, that the War was like to prove a business of time, it was thought unreasonable, that the King should not confer Rewards on Some, which he was able to do, because he could not do it on All, which was confessedly out of his Power. And so, by importunity, and upon the Title of old Promises, and some conveniencies of his Service, he bestow'd Honours upon some Principal Officers of his Army, and Offices upon others; to which, though, in the particulars, no just exceptions could be taken, yet many were angry to see some Prefer'd, and not so much extolling their own Merit and Service, as making it equal to those whom they saw advanced,
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every Man thought himself neglected and slighted, in that another was better esteem'd.

AND this Poyson of Envy wrought upon many Natures, which had skill enough not to confess it: The Soldierr, albeit they were emulous amongst themselves, and very unsatisfied with one another (there being unhappy Animofities amongst the Principal Officers) yet they were too well united, and reconciled againſt any other Body of Men; and thinking the King's Crown depended wholly on the Fortune of Their Swords, believ'd no other Persons to be confiderable, and no Councils fit to be conſulted with, but the Martial; and thence proceeded a fatal diſreſpect and irreverence to the Council of State, to which, by the wholeſome Conſtitution of the Kingdom, the Militia, Garrifons, and all Martial Power is purely, and naturally Subordinate; and by the Authority, and Prudence whereof, Provision could be only reaſonably expected, for the countenance and ſupport of the Army.

THE General, and Prince *Rupert*, were both Strangers to the Government and Cuſtom of the Kingdom, and utterly unacquainted with the Nobility, and the King's Miniſters, or with their Rights: and the Prince's Heart was ſo wholly ſet upon Actions of War, that he not only neglected, but too much condemn'd the peaceable and civil Arts, which were moſt neceſſary even to the carrying on of the other. And certainly, ſomewhat like that which *Plutarch* ſays of the Roman Auguries, "That *Octavius* loſt his Life truſting to them, "and that *Marius* proſper'd the better, becauſe he did not altogether deſpiſe them, may be ſaid of Popularity: though he that too immoderately, and importunately affects it (which was the caſe of the Earl of *Effex*) will hardly continue innocent; yet he who too affectedly deſpiſes, or neglects what is ſaid of him, or what is generally thought of Perſons, or Things, and too Stoically condemns the Affections of Men, even of Vulgar (be his other Abilities and Virtues as great as can be imagined) will, in ſome conjuncture of time, find himſelf very unfortunate. And it may be, a better reaſon cannot be aſſign'd for the miſfortunes that hopeful young Prince (who had great parts of Mind, as well as Vigour of Body, and an incomparable Perſonal Courage) underwent, and the Kingdom thereby, than that unpoliſh'd roughneſs of his Nature; which render'd him leſs patient to hear, and conſequently leſs ſkilful to judge of thoſe things, which ſhould have guided him in the diſcharge of his important Truſt: and making an unſkilful judgment of the uſefulneſs of the Councils, by his obſervation of the infirmities and weakneſs of ſome particular Counſellors, he grew to a full diſeſteem of the Acts of that Board; which muſt ever be reſpected, as long as the Regal Power is exerciſed in *England*. I

I CANNOT but, on this occasion, continue this digression thus much farther, to observe, that they who avoid public Debates in Council, or think them of no moment, upon undervaluing the Persons of some Counsellors, and from the particular infirmities of the Men, the heaviness of this Man, the levity of another, the weakness and simplicity of a third, conclude, that the advice and opinions of Many are not requisite to any great design, are exceedingly deceiv'd; and will perniciously deceive others who are misled by those conclusions. For it is in wisdom, as it is in Beauty, a Face that, being taken in pieces, affords scarce one exact feature, an Eye, or a Nose, or a Tooth, or a Brow, or a Mouth, against which a visible just exception may not be taken, yet altogether, by a gracefulness and vivacity in the whole, may constitute an excellent Beauty, and be more charming than another, whose Symmetry is more faultless; so there are many Men, who in one particular Argument, may be unskilful, in another affected, who may seem to have some Levity, and Vanity, or Formality, in ordinary and cursory Conversation (a very crooked Rule to measure any Man's Abilities, as giving a better measure of the Humour, than of the Understanding) and yet in form'd Counsels, Deliberations, and Transactions, are Men of great Insight, and Wisdom, and from whom excellent Assistance may be contributed.

No Question, all great Enterprises, and Designs, that are to be executed, have many parts, even in the projection, fit for the Survey and Disquisition of several Faculties and Abilities, equally for the decision of sharper, and more phlegmatick Understandings. And we often hear, in Debates of great Moment, Animadversions of more weight, and consequence, from those whose ordinary Conversation may not be so delightful, than from Men of more sublime Parts. Certainly *Solomon* well understood himself, when he said, *In the multitude of Counsellors there is safety*. And though it be confess'd, that reason would be better discover'd, and stated, and right conclusions easier made by a few, than by a greater number, yet when the Execution depends on many, and the general interpretation so much depends on the Success, and the Success on the Interpretation, We see those Counsels usually most prosperous, whereof the Considerations, and Deliberations, have been measured by that Standard which is most publicly acknowledg'd, and receiv'd. He has had but small Experience in the managing Affairs, who is not able experimentally to name to himself, some very good and useful conclusions, which have therefore only miscarried, because they were not communicated to those, who thought they had reason to believe themselves competent parties to the Secret.

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There was seldom ever yet that publick-heartedness sunk into the breasts of Men, as to be long willing to be left out in those transactions, to the privacy whereof they had a right. And therefore Men have been often willing enough, any single Advice should miscarry, of whatsoever general Concernment, rather than contribute to the fame of some One man, who has thought Their Approbation not worth the providing for. And though the Advantage of secrecy and dispatch, seems to favour a small Number of Counsellors, yet (except in some few cases, which in their own Nature are to be both consulted, and acted together, and the full Execution whereof may be by a few) I am not sure that the inconveniency will be greater by the necessary delays, occasion'd by the Number, or even by such a discovery, as may be supposed to proceed from the Levy of any of them, than by wanting the Approbation, and Concurrence of those, who will unavoidably know it soon enough to add to, or take from the Success, at least the Reputation, of any publick business. Much of the Negligence, and Disrespect towards the Civil Councils, proceeded, from these unhappy Causes. For as all Corporations, Tribes, and Fraternities, suffer most by the malignity of some of their own Members; so the Jealousy and Indisposition of some Counsellors, contributed much to the disregard which fell upon the Order; and in Them, upon the King.

AMONG those who were next the King's Trust, and to whom he communicated the greatest Secrets in his Affairs, there were some, who from private, though very good, conditions of life, without such an application to Court as usually ushered in those promotions, were ascended to that preferment; and were believ'd to have an equal Interest with any, in their Master's estimation. These were sure to find no more Charity from the Court, than from the Army; and they having had lately so many equals, it was thought no presumption, freely to censure all they did, or spoke; what effect soever such freedom had upon the publick Policy and Transactions. It were to be wish'd, that Persons of the greatest Birth, Honour, and Fortune, would take that care of themselves by Education, Industry, Literature, and a love of Virtue, to surpass all other Men in Knowledge, and all other Qualifications, necessary for great Actions, as far as they do in Quality and Titles; that Princes, out of Them, might always choose Men fit for all Employments, and high Trusts; which would exceedingly advance their Service; when the reputation and respect of the Person carries somewhat with it, that facilitates the business. And it cannot easily be expressed, nor comprehended by any who have not felt the weight, and burden of the Envy, which naturally attends upon those promotions, which seem

seem to be *per Saltum*, how great streights and difficulties such Ministers are forced to wrestle with, and by which the Charges, with which they are entrusted, must proportionably suffer, let the Integrity and Wisdom of the Men, be what it can be supposed to be. Neither is the patience, and dexterity, to carry a Man through those streights, easily attained; it being very hard, in the morning of preferment, to keep an even temper of mind, between the care to preserve the dignity of the place committed to him (without which he shall expose himself to a thousand rude attempts, and dishonour the judgment that promoted him, by appearing too mean for such a Trust) and between the caution, that his Nature be not really exalted to an overweening pride and folly, upon the privilege of his great place; which will expose him to much more contempt, than the former; and therefore is, with a more exact Guard to be avoided: the Errors of gentleness and civility, being much more easily reform'd as well as endured, than the other of arrogance and ostentation.

THE best provision that such Men can make for their Voyage, besides a lasting stock of Innocency, and a firm Confidence in God Almighty, that he will never suffer that Innocency to be utterly oppressed, or notoriously defamed, is, an expectation of those Gusts and Storms of Rumour, Detraction, and Envy; and a Resolution not to be over sensible of all Calumnies, Unkindness, or Injustice; but to believe, that, by being Prefer'd before other Men, they have an obligation upon them, to suffer more than other Men would do; and that the best way to convince Scandals, and Misreports, is, by neglecting them, to appear not to have deserv'd them. There is not a more troublesome passion, or that often draws more inconveniencies with it, than that which proceeds from the indignation of being unjustly calumniated, and from the pride of an upright Conscience; when Men cannot endure to be spoken ill of, if they have not deserv'd it: in which distemper, though they should free themselves from the Errors, or Infirmities, with which they were traduced, they commonly discover others, of which they had never been suspected. In a word, let no honest Man that is once enter'd into the list, think, he can by any skill, or comportment, prevent these Conflicts and Assaults; or that he can, by any stubborn or impetuous Humour, suppress, and prevail over them: but let him look upon it as Purgatory he is unavoidably to pass through, and depend upon Providence, and Time, for a Vindication; and by constantly performing all the duties of his place, with Justice, Integrity, and Uprightness, give all Men cause to believe, he was worthy of the first Hour; which is a Triumph very Lawfully to be affected.

As these distempers, indispositions, and infirmities of particular Men, had a great influence upon the publick Affairs, and disturb'd and weaken'd the whole frame and fabrick of the King's designs; so no particular Man was more disquieted by them, than the King himself; who, in his Person, as well as in his Business, suffer'd all the Vexation of the rude, petulant, and discontented Humours of Court, and Army. His Majesty now paid Interest for all the benefit and advantage, he had receiv'd in the beginning of the War, by his Gentleness, and Princely affability to all Men, and by descending somewhat from the forms of Majesty, which he had, in his former life, observ'd with all punctuality. He vouchsafed then himself to receive any Addresses, and Overtures for his Service, and to hold discourse with all Men who brought devotion to him; and he must be now troubled with the complaints, and murmurs, and humours of all; and how frivolous, and unreasonable soever, the cause was, his Majesty was put both to inform, and temper their Understandings. No Man would receive an Answer but from Himself, and expected a better from him, than he must have been contented to have receiv'd from any Body else. Every Man magnified the Service he had done, and his Ability, and Interest to do greater, and propos'd Honour and Reward equal to both in his own sense. And if he receiv'd not an Answer to his mind, he grew sullen, complain'd, "He was neglected, and resolv'd, or pretended so, "To quit the Service, and to Travel into "some Forreign Kingdom. He is deceiv'd that believes the ordinary Carriage, and State of a King, to be matters of indifferency, and of no relation to his Greatness. They are the Outworks, which preserve Majesty it self from approaches and surprisal. We find that the Queen of *Sheba* was amazed at the meat of *Solomon's* Table, and the sitting of his Servants, and the attendance of his Ministers, and their Apparel, and his Cup-bearers &c. as so great instances of *Solomon's* Wisdom, that *there was no more Spirit in her*. And no doubt, what Prince soever inconsiderately departs from those Forms, and Trappings, and Ornaments of his Dignity, and Preeminence, will hardly, at some time, be able to preserve the body it self of Majesty, from intrusion, invasion, and violation.

AND let no Man think, that the King had now no hard task to master these Troubles, and that a short and sharp blast of Royal Severity, would easily have dispersed these Clouds. The Disease was too violent and catching, and the Contagion too Universal, to be cured by that Remedy; neither were the symptoms, or effects, the same in all constitutions. It cannot be imagin'd, into how many several shapes Mens indispositions

tions were put, and how many Artifices were used to get Honours, Offices, Preferments, and the waywardness and perverseness, which attended the being disappointed of their own hopes. One man had been named for such a place, that is, Himself and his Friends had given it out, that he should have it, when it may be, he was too modest to pretend to it; and upon this Vogue he had a Title, and if it should be conferr'd upon another, it would be a mark of the King's disfavour to him; and thereby he should lose the Ability, and Credit, without which he could do no farther Service. Another suggested, that his Friends and Companions in comfort, had all receiv'd some obligation, and if he alone should remain without some testimony of Favour, it would be a brand upon him of some signal unworthiness. No Man was so hard hearted to himself, as not to be able to give a reason for any thing he desired; and He commonly had best success, who prosecuted his own wishes with most boldness, and importunity; neither was there a better, or another reason for some Men's Preferment, than that they had set their hearts upon it, and would have it. And it was a great temptation to modest naturès, to find forward Men had so good Fortune, that the want of Success begun to be imputed to want of Wit.

I REMEMBER about this time, a Person of good Quality, and of a good Name in Action, came to me very pensive, and told me, "How conscientiously he had serv'd the King, without any private designs, or other thoughts, than the discharge of his own Duty, and rendering the performance of that Duty acceptable to his Majesty; yet that, to his unspeakable discomfort, he found, he had been misrepresented to the King, and that his Majesty had entertain'd a sinister opinion of him, and desired me to learn, what the ground of the prejudice was, and by my good testimony to endeavour to remove it. I had a very good opinion of the Person, and believ'd the King had so, and therefore perswaded him, that the Jealousy was groundless, and pressed to know, from whence he receiv'd those impressions; he excused himself in the particular, and assured me, "That he had his Advancement from a sure hand, which was to be concealed and not doubted; that upon my Enquiry, I would find it true, though he could not imagine the cause. I promised him, "I would press the King very heartily in it, and if there were any thing that stuck with him, I presumed his Majesty would be so gracious to let me know it; and accordingly having shortly after an opportunity to wait on his Majesty, I told him the true Narrative of what had passed, with my observation of the general comportment of that Gentleman, and besought

befought his Majesty, "If any ill Offices had been done him, "or that any prejudice towards him was lodged in his "Royal breast, that he would graciously vouchsafe to tell "me what it was, and that he would allow him an Access, "to clear himself from any imputations. The King very cheerfully assured me, "That he had not only a very good "opinion of that Gentleman, but that he was most assured, "he had no real suspicion to the contrary; and therefore, bid me, "proceed to the other part of my business. I told him, "I had no more, and that I was sure, I should make a "very happy Man, by satisfying him of what I found. Then said the King, "You are not thoroughly instructed, for the "other half of this business must be a Suite. I replied, "If "that were so, I was yet more ignorant than I suspected my "self. The Gentleman shortly after came to me, in pain, as I thought, with the jealousy of being in Umbrage; and when I gave him pregnant Assurance to the contrary, with the mention of some Expressions the King had used, which were indeed very gracious, he seem'd to receive it with such a countenance and gusto, that I verily believ'd he had Had his hearts desire. But, the next morning, he came to me again, and told me, "That I had made him abundantly happy; and "that he doubted not, there was no just ground for the other "reports, but only the Malice of those who wish'd them "true; yet, that they had lessen'd his credit abroad, even "with his Friends; and that he found, there was no way to "keep up his Reputation, and Interest in the world, whereby "he might be able to do the King Service (which was all he "look'd after) but the receiving some testimony of the King's "good opinion, which would be a publick evidence that the "other discourses were false. I was surpris'd, and as much out of countenance, as He should have been; and advis'd him "to patience, and to expect the King's own time, and method, rather than to quicken him by any importunity, which "would give an ill relish to any obligation. He would not understand that Philosophy, but shortly after found some other means to press the King very roundly for a place, upon the title of that good opinion he had declared to me to hold of him; not without some implication, "That, without some "such earnest of his Majesty's goodness, he should not be able "to continue in his Service; which probably was one of the modeestest Addresses, which were made to him at that time. And it cannot be denied, this way the King's Trouble was so great, that he many times suffer'd more Vexation from the indisposition, and humours of his own People, than from the Enemy, or the apprehension of their Counsels: which hath made me enlarge this digression so much; conceiving it no

less to be a part of History, and more useful to Posterity, to leave a Character of the times, than of the Persons, or the Narrative of the matters of Fact, which cannot be so well understood, as by knowing the Genius that prevailed when they were transacted.

THE best expedient his Majesty could find to dispel these Fumes, was Motion and Action; and therefore, though the Season of the Year was too far spent, and too many Officers hurt, for the taking the Field again, besides that many Regiments were return'd to their old Pofts (as the *Welsh* to defend their own Country from the Incursions from *Glocester*, and to reduce some Towns in *Pembroke-shire*, which, lying on the Sea, by the help of the Parliament Ships, begun to fortify, and gather strength) yet he resolv'd his Forces about *Oxford* should not lie still.

IN the beginning of *October*, Prince *Rupert* with a strong Party of Horse, Foot, and Dragoons, march'd into *Bedford-shire*, and took the Town of *Bedford*, and in it a Party of the Enemy, who us'd it only as a strong Quarter. This expedition was principally to countenance *Sr Lewis Dives*, whilst he Fortified *Newport Pannel*, where he hoped to fix a Garrison; which would have made a more direct line of communication with the Northern Parts, and restrain'd the Commerce between *London* and their Associated Counties; which they well understood; and therefore, upon the first News of it, the Earl of *Essex* remov'd his head Quarters from *Windsor* to *Sr Albans*, and the Train'd-bands of *London*, and their Auxiliary Regiments, march'd again to him for his Recruit; upon the advancement whereof, and a mistake of Orders from *Oxford*, *Sr Lewis Dives* drew off his Forces from *Newport Pannel*; and the Enemy presently possessed themselves of it, and made it a very useful Garrison. Upon which, Prince *Rupert* Fortified *Tosbiter*, a Town in *Northampton-shire*, and left a strong Garrison there; which, though it infested the Enemy somewhat, and took great Revenge upon those Counties which had express'd a violent Affection to the Parliament, in truth, added little strength to the King; for he lost many Horse by the labour of duty, the greatest part of the Body of his Horse being forced to Quarter near that place, for the security of the Foot, till the Works about the Town were in such a forwardness, that they needed not fear their Neighbours at *Sr Albans*.

*The King's
Affairs in
the West.*

IN the mean time, the power of the Parliament was least Manifest in the West, where their Party was reduced to a lowness, and confin'd within narrow limits after the taking of *Exeter*; the Gentlemen of that County having been generally well devoted to the King's Service, though never able
safely

safely to declare it, at least to appear in a posture of opposing the violence of the other Party. Prince *Maurice* found a general concurrence to advance the great work, by Levies of Money, Men, and all Offices that could be expected; inso-much as, within very few days after the Surrender of that Town, his Army of Foot, by the new Levies, contained no fewer than seven thousand Men (which was a Body the West had not before seen) besides a Body of Horse, at least proportionable to the other; and all in excellent Equipage for Action. And at the same time, Colonel *John Digby* was before *Plymouth*, with above three thousand Foot, and six hundred Horse, and had taken a work from the Enemy of great Importance, called *Mount-Stamford* in honour of that Earl during the time of his abode there, within half a mile of the Town, and which Commanded some part of the River; the loss whereof gave the Town a marvellous discouragement.

THE first Error the Prince committed after the reducing of *Exeter*, was staying too long there before he Advanced; for victorious Armies carry great Terror with them, whilst the memory and fame of the Victory is fresh. The next, that he removed not directly towards *Plymouth*, when he did move; which, in all probability, would have yielded upon his Approach: for the Town was full of distraction, and jealously amongst themselves, as well as unprovided for the reception of an Enemy. It was a rich and populous Corporation, being, in time of Peace, the greatest Port for Trade in the West; and, except *Bristol*, then more considerable than all the rest. There was in it a Castle very strong towards the Sea, with good Platforms and Ordnance; and little more than Musquet-shot from the Town, was an Island with a Fort in it, much stronger than the Castle; both which were, before the Troubles, under the Command of a Captain, with a Garrison of about fifty Men at the most; and were only intended for a security, and defence of the Town, against a Foreign Invasion; the Castle and the Island together, having a good Command of the Entrance into the Harbour, but towards the Land there was very little strength. This Command was in the hands of *Sr Jacob Ashley*, and as unprovided to expect, or resist any Enemy, as the other Castles and Forts of the Kingdom; less for the receiving a Recruit; there being only Ordnance, and Ammunition, without any other Provisions for the support of the Soldiers within the Walls; and the Garrison it self being by Time, Marriages, and Trade, Incorporated into the Town, and rather Citizens than Soldiers: So that *Sr Jacob Ashley* being sent for to the King, before his setting up his Standard, as soon, as there was any

apprehension of a Party for the King in *Cornwall*, after the appearing of *Sr Ralph Hopton*, and those other Gentlemen there, the Mayor, and Corporation of *Plymouth*, quickly got both the Castle and Island into their own Power.

IT will be wonder'd at by many hereafter, that those, and the like places of Strength in *England*, being under the Command of Persons entirely of his Majesty's Nomination, were not put into a good Posture of Defence, when it grew first Evident, that there would be shortly occasion to use them; for according to the old story in *Æliu*, that when in one of the States of *Greece*, *Micippus's* Sheep brought forth a Lyon, It was generally, and justly concluded, that That portended a Tyranny, and change of the State from a Peaceable to a Bloody Government; so when the two Houses of Parliament first produced a Sovereign Power, to make, and alter, and suspend Laws, before they rais'd an Army, or made a General, or declared War; when that mild and innocent Sheep, that Legal regular Convention of a sober and modest Council, had once brought forth that Lyon which sought whom he might devour, it might be easily, and naturally concluded by all wise and sober Men, that the blessed calm; and temperate State of Government, by which every Man eat the fruit of his own Vine, was at an end; and Rapine, Blood, and Desolation, to succeed; and therefore that those Holds should, in reason, have been then provided for.

BUT I shall say here once for all, that from the time that there was any reasonable jealousy of a War, it was never in the King's Power to mend the condition of any of those places; and if he had attempted it, with what caution or secrecy soever, the inconvenience he must have sustain'd by it, besides the failing of his end, would have been much greater than the Advantage which could have accrue'd, if he had done what he desired. I have very ill described the times We have pass'd through, if That be not apparent; and that it was rather an Error of the former times, that those places needed any Supply, than that it was not apply'd to them in the succeeding.

THE Parliament was very glad *Plymouth* was thus secured; and, as well to put an obligation upon all Corporations, by shewing they thought them capable of the greatest Trusts, as because they could not, in truth, more reasonably Confide in any other, they committed the Government thereof to that Mayor; who was well enough instructed, what respect to pay to their Committee; which was appointed to reside there for his Assistance, and to conduct the Affairs in those parts. Of that Committee, *Sr Alexander Curew* was one; a Gentleman of a good Fortune in *Cornwall*, who serv'd in Par-
liament

liament as Knight for that County, and had, from the beginning of the Parliament, concurr'd in all conclusions with the most Violent, with as full a Testimony of that Zeal and Fury, to which their Confidence was apply'd, as any Man. To Him the Custody and Government of that Fort, and Island, which was look'd upon as the Security of the Town, was committed; and a sufficient Garrison put into it. The Mayor Commanded the Castle, and the Town, about which a Line was cast up of Earth, weak, and Irregular.

AFTER the Battle of *Stratton*, and the King's Forces prevailing so far over the West, that *Bristol* was taken by them, and *Exeter* closely Besieged, *Sr Alexander Carew* begun to think, his Island and Fort would hardly secure his Estate in *Cornwal*; and understood the Law so well (for he had had a good Education) to know, that the tide he had chosen, would be no longer the better, than it should continue the stronger; and having originally follow'd no other Motives, than of Popularity and Interests, resolv'd now to redeem his Errors; and found means to correspond with some of his old Friends and Neighbours in *Cornwal*, and by them to make a direct Overture to Surrender that Fort and Island to the King, upon an assurance of his Majesty's Pardon, and a full remission of his Offences. *Sr John Berkley*, who then lay before *Exeter*, was the next supreme Officer, qualified to entertain such a Treaty; and he, instantly, by the same Conveyance, return'd him as ample assurance of his own Conditions as could be, with advice, "That he should not, upon any defect of forms (Which upon his engagement, should be supplied with all possible expedition, to his own satisfaction) defer the consummating the work; which hereafter, possibly, might not be in his power to effect: designs of that Nature being to be consulted and executed together; for in those cases, according to *Mutianus* in *Tacitus*, *Qui deliberant, deservierunt*; and the greatest danger attends the not going on. But he was so sottishly, and dangerously wary of his own Security (having neither Courage enough to obey his Conscience, nor Wickedness enough to be prosperous against it) that he would not proceed, till he was sufficiently assured, that his Pardon was passed the Great Seal of *England*; before which time, though all imaginable haste was made, by the Treachery of a Servant whom he trusted, his Treaty and Design was discover'd to the Mayor, and the rest of the Committee; and, according to the diligence used by that Party, in cases of such concernment, he was suddainly, and without resistance, surpris'd in his Fort, and carried Prisoner into *Plymouth*; and from thence, by Sea, sent to *London*; where what became of him, will be remember'd in it's place.

Sir Alexander Carew
Treats to
Surrender
the Fort of
Plymouth
to the King's
Forces, but is
surprised.

SHORTLY after this accident, Colonel *Digby* came before the Town; and though the great damage was by this means prevented, yet it cannot be imagin'd, but the People were in great distraction, with the apprehension of the danger they had escaped; and those discoveries bring always that Melancholy with them, that Men are not quickly again brought to a confidence in one another. For no Man had, to common understanding, better deserv'd to be trusted, or given less Argument for Suspicion: and upon such a defect, who could hope to stand free from jealousy? Besides he could not but have had much Familiarity with many in the Town, which must subject them to some Suspicion, or, at least, make them suspect that they were suspected; and without doubt, it awaken'd many to apprehend the immediate hand of God in the Judgment, that he would not suffer a Man to recover the Security, and Comfort of his Allegiance, who had so signally departed from it against the light of his own Conscience; and that a Man, who had been before precipitate against all reason, should perish by considering too much, when precipitation was only reasonable.

THE fame of the winning of *Exeter*, by which a Victorious Army was at liberty to visit them, and then the loss of *Mount-Stamford*, which was their only considerable Fortification to the Land, with those other discomposures, wrought a wonderful Consternation amongst them; and made them consider, that if they could hold out, and defend their Town, the Country being all lost, they must lose all their Trade, and so from Merchants become only Soldiers; which was not the Condition they contended for. Inasmuch as the Mayor himself was not without a propensity to send for a Treaty, upon which the Town might be deliver'd to the King: and it was by many then believ'd, that if Prince *Maurice* had then march'd from *Exeter* before it, that Treaty would infallibly have ensu'd. But, when I say it was an error that he did not, I intend it rather as a Misfortune than a Fault; for his Highness was an utter stranger in those parts; and therefore was not, without great appearance of reason, perswaded first to bend his course to *Dartmouth*; which was look'd upon "As an easy work, and a Harbour, which being got, would draw a very good Trade: and that short work being perform'd, *Plymouth* would have the less Courage to make resistance; and if it should, it were much fitter for the Winter, which was now drawing on (for it was more than the middle of *September*) than the other, by reason of the conveniency of good Accommodation for the Soldiers, near about it; which could not be had about *Dartmouth*."

UPON these reasons, he march'd directly to *Dartmouth*; which,

which, how unfit soever to make a defence against such an Army, by the disadvantage of Situation, and the want of all those helps which use to make a Garrison Confident, he found in no temper and disposition to yield; so that he sat down before it. And shortly after, there came so violent a Season of Rain, and foul Weather, that very many of his Men, with lying on the ground, fell sick, and died; and more run away. Yet, after near a Months Siege, and the loss of many good Men (whereof the same Colonel *Chudleigh*, of whom We spoke before, was one, a Gallant young Gentleman, who receiv'd a shot with a Musquet in the Body, of which he died within few days, and was a wonderful loss to the King's Service) it was given up on fair Conditions; and then the Prince, having placed a Garrison there, under the Command of Colonel *Seymour*, a Gentleman of principal Account and Interest in *Devon-shire*, lost no more time, but with all convenient expedition, march'd to *Plymouth*; which was not now in the State it had been; for the Parliament being quickly inform'd, how terrible an impression the loss of almost all other Parts of the West, had made upon the Spirits of that People, and before this time sent a recruit of five hundred Men, and a Scots Officer to be Governor; who eas'd the Mayor of that unequal Charge, and quickly made it evident, that nothing but a peremptory defence was thought of. So the Prince sat down before it with an Army much inferior, after he had joyn'd with Colonel *Digby*, to that with which he had march'd from *Exeter* to *Dartmouth*; yet with much confidence to reduce that Town, before the Winter should be over.

THOUGH the King's Success, and good Fortune, had met with a check in the relief of *Glocester*, and the Battle of *Newbury*, yet his Condition seem'd mightily improv'd by the whole Summers Service. For whereas he seem'd before confined, upon the matter, within *Oxford-shire*, and half *Berk-shire*, (which half was lost too upon the loss of *Reading* in the Spring) and the Parties which appear'd for him in other Counties, seem'd rather sufficient to hinder a general Union against him, than that they were like to reduce them to his devotion; he was now, upon the matter, Master of the whole West; *Cornwall* was his own without a Rival; *Plymouth* was the only place, in all *Devon-shire*, unreduce'd; and those Forces shut within their own Walls: the large, rich County of *Somerset*, with *Bristol*, entirely His: In *Dorset-shire*, the Enemy had only two little Fisher-Towns, *Foole* and *Lyme*; all the rest was declar'd for the King. And in every of these Counties, he had plenty of Harbours and Ports, to supply him with Ammunition, and the Country with Trade. In *Wilt-shire* the Enemy had not the least footing, and rather a Town or two in

Hampshire than any possession of the County; that People being generally undevoted to them: The whole Principality of *Wales*, except a Sea Town or two in *Pembroke-shire*, was at his devotion; and that unfortunately obstinate Town of *Glocester* only kept him from Commanding the whole *Severn*. The Parliament was nothing stronger in *Shropshire*, *Cheshire*, and *Lancashire*, than they were in the beginning of the year. And albeit the Marquis of *New-Castle* had been forced to rise as unfortunately from *Hull*, as the King had been from *Glocester*, yet he had still a full Power over *York-shire*, and a greater in *Nottingham-shire*, and *Lincoln-shire*, than the Parliament had. So that he might be thought to be now strong enough to make War; the contrary opinion whereof had been one of the greatest reasons that there was no Peace. And therefore many believ'd, that, what appearance soever there was of obstinacy, the Winter would produce some Overtures of Accommodation; and that all the noise of preparation from *Scotland*, was only to incline the King to the greater Condescensions; and that, in truth, they who had pretended the concurrent desire of the People, as the best reason for whatsoever they had proposed, and traduced the King with a purpose of bringing Foreign Forces to awe, and impose upon his own Subjects, would not now have the hardiness to bring in a stranger Nation to invade their Country, and to compel that People, by whose Affections they would be thought to be guided, to submit to Changes they had no mind to receive. And the Arrival of the Count of *Harcourt*, as Extraordinary Embassador from the Crown of *France*, was look'd upon as an expedient to usher in some Treaty, and to remove those Ceremonies, and preliminary Propositions, which, by reason of the mutual Declarations, and Protestations against each other, might be thought of greater difficulty, than any real differences between them.

The Count
d' Harcourt
arrives Em-
bassador
from France

THE King himself was not without expectation of notable Effects from this Embassy; for the State of *France* seem'd to be much alter'd from what it was at the beginning of these Troubles. Cardinal *Richelieu*, who the King well knew, had more than fomented the Troubles both in *England*, and *Scotland*, was now dead; and the King of *France* himself likewise; and those old Ministers of State who had been long in the *Bastile*, or Banish'd, were now set at liberty, and recalled and in favour; the Queen Mother made Regent; who professed great Personal kindness to the Queen of *England*, and so great a sense of the indignities the King, and she suffer'd, that she seem'd sensible, that *France* had contributed too much to them, and to think, that the Interest, as well as Honour of that Crown, was concern'd to buoy up the Monarchy of *England*;

land; with intimations, "That the King himself should direct what way he would be serv'd by that Crown. The first Evidence they gave of meaning as they said, was the revocation of Monsieur *la Ferte Senneterre*, the Embassador then Resident in *England*; who had contracted a wonderful Familiarity with the fiercest Managers of the Parliament, and done the King all imaginable disservice; insomuch as he had industriously perswaded some *English* Priests, and Jesuits, to engage those of the Romish persuasion, by no means to assist the King; with a full assurance, "That the Parliament would allow them Liberty of Conscience. This Minister his Majesty desired might be recalled; which was not only suddenly done, but a private intimation likewise given to our Queen, "That she should nominate, what Person was to be employ'd "in his Place; who should wholly guide himself by her Instructions: and her Majesty was led to make choice of Monsieur *le Comte d'Harcourt*, one of the principal Persons of that Kingdom, being a Prince of the House of *Lorraine*, and so allied to the King, and Grand Escuier; and had been their late fortunate General in *Catalonia*, where he had given the *Spaniards* the greatest Defeat they had receiv'd; which was not thought an unreasonable Qualification in an Embassadour whose business was to mediate a Peace.

HIS Reception at *London* was with much solemnity, that he might not find there was any absence of Ceremony or State, by the absence of the King; yet when he had a Safe Conduct for *Oxford*, his Carriages were stopped at the going out of *London*, and his own Coach, as well as all other places, search'd with great and unusual rudeness, upon suspicion that he carried Letters; and though he expostulated the Affront, as a high violation of his Honour, and Privilege, he receiv'd no manner of reparation, or the Officer, that did it, any reprehension; which made many believe, that he would have been very keen in the resentment. The King expected that, by this Embassadour, the Crown of *France* would have made a brisk Declaration on his Majesty's behalf; and if the Parliament should not return to their regular Obedience, that they should have found no correspondence, or reception in that Kingdom; and that they would really assist his Majesty, in such manner as he should propose; which Declaration, he thought, would prove of moment with the City of *London*, in respect of their Trade; but more with the *Scots*, who were understood to have an especial dependence upon *France*.

WHEN the Embassadour return'd from his Audience at *Oxford*, where he stay'd not many days, he sent a paper to the Earl of *Northumberland*, by which he desir'd his Lordship,

“to impart to the Messieurs of Parliament, that he had made
 “known to their Majesties, the Affectionate desire the King
 “his Master, and the Queen his Mistress, had to contribute
 “all good Offices, in the procurement of Peace, and Tran-
 “quillity in this Kingdom; to which he found the desires of
 “their Majesties well disposed; and therefore he desir’d to
 “know, whether his Lordship thought the two Houses did
 “correspond in the same intention; if they did, after they
 “should make him understand the Subject that had obliged
 “them to take up Arms, he would interpose to pacify the
 “differences, by such expedients, as should be most conform-
 “able to the ancient Laws, and Customs of the Realm.

AFTER the Earl of *Northumberland* had inform’d the House of Peers of this representation, it was, at a Conference, imparted to the House of Commons, and an Answer was framed by joyn’t agreement, to be return’d by the Earl of *Northumberland* to the Embassadour. In the form of it, they gave him the Title of *Prince of Harcourt*, and *Grand Esquier of France*; but omitted that of *Extraordinary Embassadour in England*, because it did not appear to the Parliament, by Letters of Credence, or the sight of his Instructions from the King, or Queen Regent of *France*, that he was by them employ’d Extraordinary Embassadour into *England*.

THE Answer it self was, “That the Lords and Commons
 “in Parliament did, with all due Respects, accept of the Af-
 “fectionate desires of the King, and Queen Regent of *France*,
 “to contribute good Offices, towards the procuring a happy
 “Peace; and that, when the said Monsieur *le Prince d’Har-*
 “*court* should make any such Propositions to the Parliament,
 “by Authority from their Majesties of *France*, they would
 “give then such an Answer to the same, as might stand with
 “the Interest of both Kingdoms, and their late Solemn League
 “and Covenant. The Lords propos’d, “That there might
 “be a Committee appointed to Treat with the Embassadour:
 “But the Commons would by no means consent to it, “Till he
 “should make it manifest, that he had Authority from his
 “Master to Treat with the Parliament; and withal they de-
 “clared, “That if he had, at any time, any thing farther to of-
 “fer to them, they would not receive it from any particular
 “Member of either House; but that he should apply himself
 “by writing, or otherwise, to the Speaker of either, or both
 “Houses of Parliament; otherwise, they would hold no cor-
 “respondence with him. The ground of this resolution was,
 “that they might draw from the Embassadour (which they pre-
 “sum’d could not be without the Privy, and Approbation of
 “the King) an Address, and Acknowledgment that they were
 “a Parliament, against the Freedom whereof, and consequently
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the present Being, his Majesty had, by his late Proclamation, *Returns into* declar'd. So the Embassadour, after a Journey or two to Ox-*France* *ford*, and some perfunctory Addresses to the Houses, return'd *without any* to *France re infecta*, and without the least expression of dislike, *good office to* on his Master's behalf, of their proceedings. *the King.*

SOME were scrupulous in believing, that *France* really intended to repair the mischief it had done; and observ'd, that though there were some plausible compliances, in point of Ceremony, with particular Persons, after the death of the former Cardinal; yet, that the main Counsels were carried on upon the Rules and Directions he had left; and that the Cardinal *Mazarin*, a Person who had been of the highest Trust with the other, wholly now presid'd over those Counsels; and consider'd how much *France* might imagine it would conduce to their Interest, that the King of *England* should not have all his Subjects in perfect Obedience, lest he might offer to be an Arbitrer of their great differences: I say, these Men believ'd Count *Harcourt's* Instructions privately were no other, than the last Embassadour's; whom the King had caus'd to be recalled. And it cannot be denied, that they who were inclined to that jealousy, had arguments enough to encrease it.

WHEN this Extraordinary Embassadour was appointed to come for *England*, Mr *Mountague* was in the Court of *France*, very much trusted by both their Majesties, and by his Quality, and near relation to so great a Trust, his long Conversation in that Court, and a singular dexterity in his Nature, adorn'd with excellent Parts, was thought to have a very good place in the favour and particular estimation of that Queen Regent, and in the opinion of the Cardinal; to whom he had been useful. With this Gentleman most of the Conclusions had been transacted, which were preparatory to the Embassadour's Journey; and it was thought fit, that He should at the same time come into *England*; and, in such a disguise, as might easily conceal a Man better known in *France* than in his own Country, in the Embassadour's Train find a safe passage to *Oxford*; which was carried with so much secrecy, that, besides to the Embassadour himself, he was known to very few of his Retinue. The Count of *Harcourt* was not Landed four and twenty hours, but in his Journey towards *London*, a Messenger from the Parliament apprehended Mr *Mountague*, and carried him a Prisoner to the Houses; by whom he was committed to the Tower; and though the Embassadour made a great shew of resenting it, he never claimed him in such a manner as to procure his Enlargement; which made Men believe the Cardinal liked well his Confinement, and desir'd not he should be either at *Oxford* or *Paris*.

AT the Embassadour's first coming to *Oxford*, after general Overtures, and Declarations of the Resolution of that Crown, "To give his Majesty all possible Assistance for his re-
 "establishment, he proposed a League Offensive and Defensive with the King. His Majesty, that knew well such an Offer was not to be rejected, lest they should from thence take an occasion to refuse those things he should propose, appointed a Committee of his Council (according to the usual course) to Treat with the Embassadour, upon all necessary Articles, which should attend such a Treaty; declaring an inclination to enter into such a League as was proposed; and thereupon desir'd "A present Loan of Money, and a supply of a good
 "proportion of Arms, and Ammunition; and likewise that
 "the Crown of *France* would declare against the Subjects of
 "*England*, and *Scotland*, who should persist in Rebellion;
 "according to an Article ratified in the last Treaty now in
 "force.

THE Embassadour, who, it seems, expected that there should have been more pauses in the Overture of the League Offensive and Defensive, for the present declined the Treating with the Committee; alledging, "That he was, upon the
 "matter, a Minister of both their Majesties; and was to receive Command from them, and wholly to attend their Service; and therefore that he desir'd wholly to communicate
 "with their Majesties themselves: and shortly after waved any further mention of the League, with an affected Compliment, "That it would not appear a generous thing, to press
 "the King to any Act in this his distress, which he had made
 "scruple of consenting to heretofore, when the Fortune of
 "both Crowns were equally prosperous: but that his Master
 "and Mistress, would frankly contribute all that could be
 "reasonably expected from them, towards his Majesty's Restoration, and Establishment; and afterwards expect such a
 "return of Affection from his Majesty, as the greatness of the
 "obligation should merit in his Princely estimation. And at the same time, the Queen Regent and Cardinal positively denied to the Lord *Goring*, Embassadour Extraordinary then from his Majesty in *France*, that ever the Count of *Harcourt* had any Instruction to mention a League Offensive and Defensive. These particular carriages, and his not resenting the Indignities, offer'd to him by the Parliament, made many Men believe, that this Embassadour, notwithstanding all the specious professions, was sent rather to foment, than extinguish the Fire that was kindled. Certain it is, during his stay in *England*, he did not, in the least degree, advance the King's Service; and at his return, left the Parliament more united amongst themselves against the King, and the *Scots* more advanced

vanced towards their coming in, than he found them; there being at the same time likewise a *French Agent in Scotland*; who produced no alteration in the Affections of that People, to the King's Advantage.

THE return of the three Earls, formerly mention'd, to *London* in the Winter,, who so solemnly applied themselves to the King in the Spring, contributed exceedingly to the Union of the two Houses at *Westminster*. The other two stay'd longer; and retired with much more decency, if not with a tacit permission. But the Earl of *Holland*, when he saw his place in the Bed-Chamber conferr'd upon the Marquis of *Hertford*, in much discontent, found an opportunity, which was not difficult, to remove out of the King's Quarters; and before he was mis'd at *Oxford*, Intelligence was brought that he had render'd himself to the Parliament at *London*; and to make his return the more conscientious, he declar'd, as hath been said, "That the ground of his deserting them formerly, and going to the King, was a hope to incline his Majesty to a Treaty of Peace; but that he found he was mistaken in the temper of the *Oxford* Councils; and that the King had still about him some Counsellors, who would never consent to a safe, and well grounded Peace; and that he heard they had perswaded the King, to make a Cessation with the Rebels in *Ireland*; which affected his Conscience so much, that, though he had been sure to have lost his Life by it, he would return to the Parliament; professing exemplary Fidelity to them, if they would again receive him into their Favour.

IT may be, his discourse of *Ireland*, or the King's aversness to Peace, wrought upon very few; but the Evidence of the King's aversion so far to forgive, and forget former Trespases, as to receive them into Favour and Trust again, made a deep impression upon many. For it is undoubtedly true, that many of the principal and governing Members of both Houses, that is, of them who had govern'd, and done as much mischief as any, either out of apprehension that the King would prevail, or that They should not prevail soon enough, or the animosity against those who had outgrown their Government, and followed new Leaders of their own, and to other ends than had been originally propos'd, or out of some motions of Conscience, were quite weary of the Parliament, and desirous to obtain a fair admission to the King; and looked only upon the footing which those Doves, which went first out of the Ark, should find; and surely, if that expedient had been dexterously managed, it had been the most probable way to have drawn the Parliament into such contempt, that it must have fallen of it self: A way, that in no
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Civil War, which is arriv'd to any vigour and power of contending, ought to be declined. For a Body, that is not form'd by Policy, with any avowed and fixed Principles of Government, but by the distemper'd Affections, Ambition, and Discontent of particular Persons, who rather agree against a common Adversary, than are united to one just Interest, cannot so easily be dissolved, as by Treating with particular Persons, and rending those Branches from the Trunk, whose beauty and advantage consists only in the spreading.

THE reasons were unanswerable, which the old Consul *Fabius* in *Livy Lib. 24.* gave, in the Case of *Cassius Albinus*, who, after the Defeat of *Cannæ*, deserted the *Romans*, and fled to *Hannibal*, by which he got the City of *Arpes*; and when the Condition of the *Romans* was again recover'd and flourishing, came again to the *Roman* Army, and offer'd to betray that City into their hands. Many were of opinion, "That he should be look'd upon as a Common Enemy; and bound, and sent to *Hannibal*, as a perfidious Person, who knew neither how to be a Friend, nor an Enemy. *Fabius* reprehended the unseasonable severity of those who consider'd, and judg'd *in medio ardore belli tanquam in pace libera*, and told them, "That their principal care must be, that none of their Friends and Allies might forsake them; the next, that they who had forsaken them, might return again into their Obedience, and Protection: For, *si abire à Romanis liceat, redire ad eos non liceat*, it could not be, but the State of *Rome*, from which, in the late misfortunes, many had revolted, must become very desperate.

SUCH was the King's condition, the Number of the Guilty being so much superior to the Innocent, that the latter could reasonably expect only to be preserv'd by the conversion and reduction of the former. Neither did the King not foresee, or abhor this expedient; but the temper and spirit of the time was so averse from the Stratagem, that it was evident his present loss would be as great, by practising it, as his future advantage was like to improve by it. Whatsoever damage his Majesty sustain'd, that unfortunate Earl receiv'd no acknowledgment, or encouragement from the other Party, who had the benefit of his return; but as his Estate was sequester'd as soon as he left them, so he was now committed to Prison, and that sequestration continued; neither was it, in a long time after, taken off; nor himself ever after admitted to his place in their Council, notwithstanding all the intercession of very powerful Friends, or to any reputation of doing farther good or hurt.

CERTAINLY, there must be thought to be some extraordinary dislike, in the very primary Law of Nature, of such tergiver-

tergiversation and inconstancy; since we scarce find, in any Story, a Deserter of a Trust, or Party, he once adhered to, to be long prosperous, or in any eminent Estimation with those to whom he resorts; though, in the change, there may appear evident Arguments of reason and Justice: neither hath it been in the power, or prerogative of any Authority, to preserve such Men from the reproach, and jealousy, and scandal, that naturally attends upon any Defection: *I have not found evil in thee, since the day of thy coming unto me, unto this day; nevertheless, the Lords favour thee not,* was the profession of King Achish, when he dismiss'd David himself from marching with the Army of the Philistines; and that expostulation of those Lords, *Wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his Master? should it not be with the Heads of these Men?* will be always an Argument to raise a distrust of those who have eminently quitted their Party: And the judgment of Fabius himself, which We touch'd before, of Cassius Albinus, was not much in their favour; for, though he reprehended the Proposition of sending him to Hannibal, yet he concluded, "That he would have no trust reposed in him, but that he should be kept in safe custody, with Liberty to do any thing but go away, till the War was ended; *turn consultandum, utrum defectio prior plus merita sit paenae, an hic reditus veniae.* As it falls out thus in Civil affairs, and the breach of Moral obligations, so it happens in Spiritual defections, and alterations in Religion: for as among the Jews, the Proselytes were civilly and charitably treated, without upbraidings or reproaches; yet it was provided, "That no Proselyte should be eligible into the Court of their Sanhedrim; and in their very conversation, they had a caution of them; *Vel ad decimam usque generationem à Proselytis cave,* was an Aphorism amongst them. And our own observation and experience, can give Us few examples of Men who have changed their Religion, and not fallen into jealousy and distrust, or disreputation, even with those with whom they side; that have made their future life less pleasant, and delightful; which, it may be, happens only because We have rare instances of Men of extraordinary parts or great minds, who have entertain'd those Conversations.

THE Lords and Commons were all now of a mind, and no other contention amongst them, than who should most advance the power which was to suppress the King's: new and stricter Orders were made for the general taking the Covenant; and an Ordinance, "That no Man should be in any Office of Trust in their Armies, or the Kingdom, or of the Common Council of London, or should have a Voice in the Election of those Officers, but such who had taken the Covenant;

"nant; nor even they who had taken the Covenant, if they had been formerly imprison'd or sequester'd for suspicion of Malignancy, or adhering to the King. And that they might as well provide for their Sovereign Jurisdiction in Civil matters, as their security in Martial, they again resumed the consideration of the Great Seal of *England*. The Commons had often pressed the House of Peers to concur with them, "In the making a new Great Seal; as the proper Remedy against the mischiefs, which, by the absence of it, had befallen the Common-wealth; declaring, "That the Great Seal of *England*, of right, ought to attend upon the Parliament; in which the Peers as often refused to joyn with them, being startled at the Statute of the 25th of *Edw.* the III. by which the counterfeiting the Great Seal of *England* is, in express terms, declared to be High Treason; and it had been in all times before understood to be the sole property of the King, and not of the Kingdom, and absolutely in the King's own disposal, where it should be kept, or where it should attend.

The Commons Vote a new Broad Seal; The Lords concurr'd with them.

THIS dissent of the Lords hinder'd not the business; the Commons frankly Voted, "That a Seal should be provided, and accordingly took Order that one was Engraven, and brought into their House, according to the same Size and Effigies, and nothing differing from that which the King used at *Oxford*. Being in this readiness, and observing the Lords to be less scrupulous than they had been, about the middle of *November* they sent again to them, to let them know, "They had a Great Seal ready, which should be put into the Custody of such Persons, as the two Houses should appoint, and if they would name some Peers, a proportionable Number of the other Body should joyn in the executing that Trust. All objections were now pass'd over, and without any hesitation their Lordships not only concurr'd with them to have a Seal in their own disposal, but in a Declaration and Ordinance; by which they declared, "All Letters Patents, and Grants made by the King, and pass'd the Great Seal of *England*, after the 22^d of *May* in the year 1642 (which was the day the Lord Keeper left the House, and went with the Great Seal to *York* to the King) to be invalid, and void in Law; and henceforward, that their own Great Seal should be of the like force, power, and validity, to all intents and purposes, as any Great Seal of *England* had been, or ought to be; and that whosoever, after publication of that Ordinance, should pass any thing under any other Great Seal, or should claim any thing thereby, should be held and adjudged a publick Enemy to the State.

AT the same time, the Earls of *Rutland* and *Bullingbrook*, of the Peers, M^r *Saint-John* (whom they had still intituled the King's Solicitor General, though his Majesty had revoked his Patent, and conferr'd that Office upon S^r *Thomas Gardner*; who had serv'd him faithfully, and been put out of his Recorder's place of *London* for having so done) Serjeant *Wild* (who, being a Serjeant at Law, had with most confidence averr'd their legal power to make a Seal) M^r *Brown*, and M^r *Prideaux*, two private Practisers of the Law, were nominated "To have the keeping, ordering, and disposing of it, "and all such, and the like Power and Authority, as any "Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, or Commissioner of the "Great Seal, for the time being, had had, used, or ought to "have. The Earl of *Rutland* was so modest, as to think himself not sufficiently qualified for such a Trust; and therefore excused himself in point of Conscience: Whereupon they nominated, in his Room, the Earl of *Kent*, a Man of far meaner parts, who readily accepted the place.

THE Seal then was deliver'd, in the House of Commons to their Speaker; and by Him, with much solemnity, the House attending him, to the Speaker of the Peers, at the Bar in that House. The six Commissioners, were then, in the presence of both Houses, solemnly sworn "To execute the "Office of Keepers of the Great Seal of *England*, in all things "according to the Orders and Directions of both Houses of "Parliament. And thereupon the Seal was deliver'd by the two Speakers to them, who carried it, according to Order, to the House of the Clerk of the Parliament, in the old Palace; where it was kept lock'd up in a Chest; which could not be open'd but in the presence of three of them, and with three several Keys. This work being over, they appointed, for the first exercise of this kind of Sovereignty, a Patent to be sealed to the Earl of *Warwick*, of Lord High Admiral of *England*; which was done accordingly; by which many concluded, that the Earl of *Northumberland*, who had been put out of that great Office, for Their sakes, was not restored to their full confidence; others, that he desired not to wear Their Livery.

ABOUT the same time, to shew that they would be Absolute, and not joynt Sharers in the Sovereign Power, they gave an Instance of boldness mingled with cruelty, that made them appear very terrible. The King had publish'd several Proclamations, for the Adjournment of the Term from *London* to *Oxford*, which had been hitherto fruitless, for want of the necessary Legal form of having the Writs read in Court; so that the Judges at *Oxford*, who were ready to perform their Duty, could not regularly keep the Courts there; which else

The Seal deliver'd to six Commissioners.

they would have done, notwithstanding the Order and Declarations published by the two Houses to the contrary; they who were learned in the Law, believing that Assumption to be unquestionably out of their jurisdiction. These Writs of Adjournment had never yet been deliver'd seasonably, to be read in Court, or into the hands of either of the sworn Judges who yet attended at *Westminster*: of which there were three in Number, Justice *Bacon* in the King's Bench, Justice *Reeve* in the Common Pleas, and Baron *Trevor* in the Exchequer; who, how timorous soever, and apprehensive of the power and severity of the Parliament, knowing the Law and their Duties, Men believed, would not have barefaced declined the execution of those Commands they were sworn to observe. Several Messengers were therefore sent from *Oxford* with those Writs; and appointed, on, or before such a day (for that circumstance was penal) "To find an opportunity to deliver the Writs into the hands of the several Judges. Two of them perform'd their Charges, and deliver'd the Writs to Justice *Reeve*, and Baron *Trevor*; who immediately caused the Messengers to be apprehended.

THE Houses, being inform'd of it, gave direction, "That they should be tried by a Council of War, as Spies; which was done at *Essex-House*. The Messenger alledg'd, "That they were sworn Servants to his Majesty for the transaction of those Services, for which they were now accused; and "that they had been legally punishable, if they had refused to "do their duties; the Term being to be adjourn'd by no "other way. Notwithstanding all which, they were both condemn'd to be hang'd as Spies; and that such a Sentence might not be thought to be only *in terrorem*, the two poor Men were, within few days after, carried to the old *Exchange*, where a Gallows was purposely set up; and there one of them, one *Daniel Kniveton*, was without mercy executed; dying with another kind of Courage than could be expected from a Man of such condition and education, did not the Conscience of being Innocent beget a marvellous satisfaction in any condition. The other, after he had stood some time upon, or under the Gallows, looking for the same conclusion, was reprieved, and sent to *Bridewell*; where he was kept long after, till he made an Escape, and return'd again to *Oxford*. This Example begot great terror in all the well affected about *London*, and so much the more, because, about the same time, an Ordinance was made, "That whosoever went to *Oxford*, or "into any of the King's Quarters, without leave from one of "the Houses, or a Pats from their General, or whosoever had "any correspondence with any Person in the King's Quarters, "by writing Letters, or receiving Letters from thence, should
"be

“be proceeded against as a Person disaffected to the State;
 “and his Person committed, and his Estate sequester’d; and
 “should be liable, according to the circumstances (of which
 “themselves would be only Judges) to be tried as Spies.

As this made them exceeding terrible to those who lov’d
 them not, so, about the same time, they gave another In-
 stance of Severity, which render’d their Government no less
 revered amongst their Friends, and Associates. The brave
 Defence of *Glocester*, and the great Success that attended it,
 made the loss of *Bristol* the more felt by the Parliament; and
 consequently the delivery, and yielding it up, the more li-
 beraly spoken of, and censur’d. The which Colonel *Fiennes*
 having not patience to bear, he desired, being a Member of
 the House of Commons, and of a swaying Interest there,
 “That he might be put to give an Account of it, at a Court
 “of War, which was the proper Judicature upon trespasses of
 “that Nature. And in the mean time, he was powerful
 enough, upon some collateral, and circumstantial passages, to
 procure some of the Chief who inveigh’d against him, to be
 imprison’d, and reprehended. This begot greater Passion and
 Animosity in the Persons, that thought they suffer’d unjustly
 and only by the Authority, and Interest of the Colonel and
 his Father; which, by degrees, brought Faction into the
 House of Commons, and the Army, according to the several
 Affections and Tempers of Men.

THERE were but two Prosecutors appear’d, one Mr *Wal-*
ker, a Gentleman of *Somerset-shire*, of a good Fortune, and,
 by the loss of that, the more provok’d; who had been in the
 Town when it was lost, and had strictly observ’d all that was
 done, or said; and the famous Mr *Pryn*, who had at first let
 himself into the disquisition of that business, out of the Acti-
 vity, and restlessness of his Nature, and was afterwards shar-
 pen’d by contempt. These two, under pretence of Zeal to
 the Kingdom, and that such an irreparable damage to it might
 not pass away without due punishment, undertook the pro-
 secution; and boldly charged the Colonel with Cowardise,
 and Treachery; and gave several Instances of great and high
 professions, and performances faint, and not answerable; with
 some mixture of pride, and love of Money, throughout the
 Course of his Government. Colonel *Fiennes*, besides the cre-
 dit and reputation of his Father, had a very good stock of
 estimation in the House of Commons upon his own score;
 for truly he had very good parts of Learning, and Nature,
 and was privy to, and a great Manager in, the most secret
 designs from the beginning; and if he had not incumber’d
 himself with Command in the Army, to which Men thought
 his Nature not so well disposed, he had sure been second to

Col. Fiennes
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none in those Councils, after Mr *Hambden's* death. This made him too much despise those who appear'd his Adversaries, and others whom he knew to be such, though they appear'd not (for he looked upon St *William Waller* as an Enemy, who, by his misfortune at *Round-way-Down*, having brought that storm upon *Bristol*, was industrious to make the second loss to be apprehended only as the effect of the other's want of Courage, and Conduct) and being sure, that he was very free from wishing well to the King, he thought no defect would be farther imputed to him, than might well be answer'd by the having done his Best; and that the eminency of his perfect Zeal against his Majesty, would weigh down all Objections of disservice to the Parliament.

BUT notwithstanding all this, after a long and solemn hearing before the Court of War, at St *Albans*, where the Earl of *Essex* then lay, which took up many days, he was condemn'd to lose his head, "For not having defended *Bristol* so well, and so long as he ought to have done. And though he had afterwards a Pardon for his life, granted to him by the Prerogative of the General, under his Hand and Seal, yet the infamy of the judgment could not be taken off; by which he became unfit to continue an Officer of the Army; and the shame of it perswaded him to quit the Kingdom; so that he went for some time into Foreign Parts, retaining still the same full disaffection to the Government of the Church and State, and only griev'd that he had a less capacity left to do hurt to either. Many looked upon this Example, as a foundation of great awe, and reverence in the Army, that the Officers might see, that no Titles or Relations should be able to break through the strict discipline of War. For this Gentleman was a Person of singular merit, and fidelity to the Party that he serv'd, and of extraordinary use to them in those Counsels that requir'd the best understandings. Others thought it an Act of unadvised severity, to expose so eminent a Person, who knew all their Intrigues, upon the importunity of useles and inconsiderable Persons to infamy; whilst others consider'd it, as a judgment of Heaven upon a Man who had been so forward in promoting the publick Calamities: and no doubt it increased much the Factions and Animosities, both in the Parliament, and the Army; and might have done them farther mischief, if it had not fallen on a man so thoroughly engaged, that no Provocations could make him less of their Party, or less concern'd in their Confederacy.

AT this time, nothing troubled the King so much, as the Intelligence he receiv'd from *Scotland*, that they had already formed their Army, and resolv'd to enter *England* in the Winter season. All his confidence, which he had founded there upon

upon the Faith, and most solemn Professions of particular Men, without whom the Nation could not have been corrupted, had deceiv'd him to a Man : and he found the same Men most engaged against him, who had, with most solemnity, vow'd all Obedience to him. The circumstance of the time made the danger of the Invasion the more formidable ; for the Earl of *New-Castle*, lately Created a Marquis, had been compelled with his Army, as much by the murmurs and indisposition of the Officers, as by the season of the year, to quit his design upon *Hull*, and to retire to *York* ; and the Garrison of *Hull* had made many strong inroads into the Country, and Deleated some of his Troops ; so that the Scots were like to find a strong Party in that large County. However, the Marquis sent a good Body of Horse towards the Borders, to wait their motion ; and no sooner heard of their march, which begun in *January*, in a great Frost and Snow, than himself march'd into the Bishoprick of *Durham* to attend them. The particulars of all that Affair, and the whole Transaction of the Northern Parts, where the Writer of this History was never present, nor had any part in those Counsels, are fit for a relation apart ; which a more proper Person will employ himself in.

The Scots enter England in Jan. 1643.

IN these Streights, the King consider'd two Expedients which were propos'd to him, and which his Majesty directed should be both consult'd in the Council. The one was " That " all the Peers who were then in *Oxford*, or in the King's " Service, might subscribe a Letter to the Council of State in " *Scotland* ; whereby it would appear, by the subscription, " that above five parts of six of the whole Nobility, and " House of Peers, were in the King's Service, and disavow'd " all those actions which were done against him, by the pretended Authority of the two Houses ; which possibly might " make some impression upon the Nation of *Scotland*, though " it was well enough known before to their Seducers. A Letter was prepared accordingly, expressing, " The foulness of " the Rebellion in *England*, under the Reputation of the " Houses of Parliament, and the carrying on the same, when " they had driven away, by force, much the Major part of the " Members of both Houses, and expressly against all the Laws " of the Land : it put them in mind of " Their obligation to " the King, and pathetically concluded " With conjuring them " to desist from their unjust, and unwarrantable purpose ; since " they could have no excuse for prosecuting the same, from " the Authority of Parliament. The Letter was perus'd, and debated in the Council, and afterwards in the presence of all the Peers, and being generally approv'd without any dissenting Voice, it was order'd to be engrossed, and sign'd by all

A Letter from the Peers on the King's side to the Council in Scotland.

those Peers, and Privy Counsellors, who were then in *Oxford*, and to be sent to those who were absent in any of the Armies, or in the King's Quarters, and to be then sent to the Marquis of *New-Castle*; who, after he had sign'd it, with those Peers who were in those parts, was to transmit it into *Scotland* by a Trumpet; all which was done accordingly.

OF all the Peers who follow'd the King, there was only one who refused to sign this Letter, the Earl of *Leicester*; who, after many pauses and delays, whether he had not yet digested his late deposal from the Lieutenantcy of *Ireland*, to which the Marquis of *Ormond* was deputed, and thought the disobligation of it not capable of a reparation, or whether he thought the King's Fortune desperate, and resolv'd not to sacrifice himself to any Popular displeasure, and not to provoke the Parliament farther than by not concurring with them; or whether he had it then in his purpose to be found in their Quarters, as shortly after he was, did in the end positively refuse to subscribe the Letter; and thereby was the occasion of a mischief he did not intend. For both their Majesties, in their secret purpose, had design'd him to succeed the Marquis of *Hertford* in the Government of the Prince: for which he would have been very proper; but upon this so affected a discovery of a nature, and mind, lyable to no kind of compliance, the King could not prosecute his Purpose; and so the Government of that hopeful and excellent Prince, was committed to the Earl of *Berkshire*, for no other reason but because he had a mind to it, and his importunity was very troublesome; a Man of any who bore the Name of a Gentleman, the most unfit for that Province, or any other that requir'd any proportion of Wisdom and Understanding for the discharge of it.

BUT it was the unhappy distemper of the Court at that time, to think that it was no matter who was employ'd in that Office; for the King nor Queen were not at all deceiv'd, nor was the Earl less fit than they thought him to be; but they thought his want of Parts (his Fidelity there was no cause to suspect) to be of little importance: and a Counsellor much trusted, speaking at that time with the Lord *Jermyn*, "How astonishing a thing it was to all the Nation, to see the Prince committed to such a Governour, he smiled, according to his custom, when he could not answer; and said, "It was of no moment, who had the name and style of Governour, since the King and Queen meant to be his Governour, and firmly resolv'd that He should never be out of Their Presence, or of one of them: when, within little more than a year after, the King found it necessary to sever the Prince from himself, and liv'd not to see him again: and his Majesty then found, and lamented, that he had deputed such a Governour over him.

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THE other Expedient proposed, was, "That since the whole Kingdom was misled by the reverence they had to Parliaments, and believ'd that the Laws and Liberties of the People, could not be otherwise preserved, than by their sole Authority, and that it appear'd to be to no purpose to perswade Men that what they did was against Law, when they were perswaded that their very doing it made it Lawful, it would be therefore necessary, and could be only effectual to convince them, that they who did those monstrous things, were not the Parliament, but a handful of desperate Persons, who, by the help of the Tumults raised in the City of *London*, had driven away the Major part of the Parliament, and called themselves the Parliament, whilst they were, in truth, much the less, and the least considerable part of it; which would appear manifestly, if the King would issue out a Proclamation, to require all the Members who had left the Parliament at *Westminster*, to repair to *Oxford*, by such a day; where his Majesty would be willing to advise with them in matters of the greatest Importance, concerning the Peace, and Distractions of the Kingdom: by this means, he might, in many things, serve himself by their Assistance, and it would evidently appear by the number of both Houses, whose names would be quickly known and published; how few remained at *Westminster*, who carried on the devouring War, so grievous to the whole Kingdom.

THE King was at first in some apprehension, that such a Conflux of Persons together of the Parliament, who would look to enjoy the Privileges of it in their Debates, might, instead of doing him Service, do many things contrary to it, and exceedingly apprehended, that they would immediately enter upon some Treaty of Peace, which would have no effect; yet, whilst it was in suspense, would hinder his preparation for the War; and though no body more desir'd Peace, yet he had no mind, that a Multitude should be Consulted upon the Conditions of it: imagining, that things of the greatest Importance, as the giving up Persons, and other particulars of Honour, would not seem to them of moment enough to continue a War in the Kingdom; which would have been true, if, as hath been said before, the Governours of the Parliament had not themselves been too fearful of a Peace, to trust any to make Politick Propositions, which, upon refusal, might have done good, but being consented to had undone them; and frustrated all their designs.

THE Council seem'd much inclined to the Expedient, and many conveniences were in view; and it might be reasonably hoped, and presum'd "That Persons, who had that Duty

“to obey his Majesty’s Summons, in coming thither, which
 “would be none but such as had already absented themselves
 “from *Westminster*; and thereby incensed those who remain’d
 “there, would not bring ill and troublesome humours with
 “them, to disturb that Service which could only preserve
 “them: but on the contrary, would unite, and conspire toge-
 “ther to make the King Superior to His and Their enemies.
 “And as to the advancing any Propositions of Peace, which
 “there could be no doubt but they would be inclined to, nor
 “would it be fit for his Majesty to oppose, there could be
 “no inconvenience; since their appearing in it would but
 “draw reproach from those at *Westminster*, who would never
 “give them any Answer, or look upon them under any No-
 “tion, but as private Persons, and Defenders of the Parlia-
 “ment, without any Qualification to Treat, or to be Treated
 “with: which would more provoke those at *Oxford*, and, by
 “degrees, stir up more Animosities between them. The
 King discover’d more of hope than fear from such a Conven-
 tion; and so with a very unanimous Consent and Approba-
 tion, a Proclamation was issued out, containing the true
 grounds and motives, and mentioning the League of *Scotland*
 to Invade the Kingdom; which was the most universally odi-
 ous, and detestable; and Summon’d all the Members of both
 Houses of Parliament, except only such, as, having Com-
 mand in his Majesty’s Armies in the North; and in the West,
 could not be dispensed with, to be absent from their Charges,
 to attend upon his Majesty in *Oxford*; upon a day fix’d in *Ja-
 nuary* next.

The King’s
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 tion for As-
 sembling the
 Members of
 Parliament
 at Oxford.

THE King was not all this while without a due sense of the dangers that threaten’d him in the growth, and improve-
 ment of the power and strength of the Enemy, and how im-
 possible it would be for him, without some more extraordi-
 nary Assistance, to resist that Torrent, which, he foresaw, by
 the next Spring, would be ready to overwhelm him, if he
 made not provision accordingly. And finding, by degrees,
 that it was not in his power to compose the disturbances of
England, or to prevent those of *Scotland*, and abhorring the
 thought of introducing a Foreign Nation to Subdue his own
 Subjects, he began to think of Expedients which might allay
 the distempers in *Ireland*; that so, having one of his King-
 doms in Peace, he might apply the Power of that, towards the
 procuring it in his other Dominions. He was not ignorant,
 how tender an Argument that business of *Ireland* was, and
 how prepar’d Men were to pervert whatsoever he said, or did
 in it; and therefore resolv’d to proceed with that Caution,
 that whatsoever was done in it, should be by the Counsel of that
 State who were understood to be most skilful in those Affairs.

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THE Lords Justices, and Council, had sent a short Petition to his Majesty, which was presented to them, in the Name of his Catholick Subjects, then in Arms against him; by which they only desired, with full expressions of Duty, and Submission to his Majesty, "That he would appoint some "Persons to hear what they could say for themselves; and to "present the same to his Majesty. Hereupon the King Authorized by his Commission the Lord Marquis of *Ormond*, and some others, to receive what they were ready to offer, but without the least Authority to conclude any thing with them upon it. And after the receipt of this Commission, the Marquis, finding that this Petition was prosecuted with less ingenuity than it seem'd to have been presented, was so far from being indulgent to them under that Notion, that he even then advanced against them with his Army, and gave them a very signal Defeat; which reform'd their Application, and made it more submissive.

IN the mean time (though in all Actions and Counsels, the Lords Justices, and Council there, had yielded punctual Obedience to all directions from the Parliament) the Affairs of that Kingdom suffer'd exceedingly for want of Provisions, Money, and Ammunition, out of *England*; which the two Houses of Parliament were obliged, and were, to that purpose, enabled by his Majesty to send. Insomuch as that Board, by their Letters of the fourth of *April*, this present year, advertised the Speaker of the House of Commons, "That they "had been compelled, for the preservation of the Army, to "take Money from all who had it, and to wrest their Commodities from the poor Merchants, whom they had now, "by the Law of necessity, utterly undone, and disabled from "being hereafter helpful to them, in bringing them in Victuals, or other needful Commodities: And that there were "few of themselves, or others, that had not felt their parts "in the enforced rigour of their proceedings, so as, what with "such hard dealing, no less grievous to them to do, than it "was heavy to others to suffer, and by their descending, "against their hearts, far below the Honour and Dignity of "that Power they represented under his Royal Majesty, they "had, with unspeakable difficulties, prevail'd so as to be able "to find Bread for the Soldiers for the space of one Month: "That they were then expelling thence all Strangers, and "must instantly send away for *England* thousands of poor "dispoil'd *English*, whose very eating was now insupportable "to that place; and therefore, they said, they did again "earnestly, and finally desire (for their Confusions would not "now admit the writing of many more Letters, if any) some "Supplies of Victual and Munition might, in present, be
"hasten'd

"hasten'd thither to keep Life, until the rest might follow ;
 "there being no Victuals in store ; nor one hundred Barrels
 "of Powder ; which, according to the usual necessary Ex-
 "pences, besides extraordinary Accidents, would not last above
 "a Month.

A COPY of this Letter they likewise sent to Mr Secretary *Nicholas*, that his Majesty might be inform'd of the sadness of their Condition, and, with it, a Copy of a Paper that Morning presented to the Board (which was likewise sent in their Letter to the Speaker) from the Officers of the Army ; who, after sharp expressions of the Miseries they sustain'd, and expostulations thereupon, concluded, " That if their Lordships
 "would take them into their timely Considerations, before
 "their urgent wants made them desperate, they would serve
 "them readily and faithfully ; but if their Lordships would
 "not find a way for their preservations there, they humbly
 "desir'd they might have leave to go where they might have
 "a better being ; and if they refused to grant That, they
 "themselves must then take leave to have recourse to that
 "first and primary Law, which God had endued all Men
 "with, the Law of Nature, which taught all Men to preserve
 "themselves.

THE King was exceedingly perplexed at the receipt of this Advertisement ; apprehending the State of his Protestant Subjects in that Kingdom to be almost desperate, the Rebels receiving daily encouragement and assistance from Foreign Parts ; and thereupon growing strong and bold ; yet he forbore to interpose his own Sovereign Power, hoping this last clear representation would have made so deep an impression in the two Houses of Parliament, that they would have sent such a full supply, that at least the Rebels might make no farther Progress in Victory, against his Protestant Subjects. About the end of *May*, the Lords Justices and Council, having receiv'd no probable hope of Assistance from the Parliament, sent an Address immediately to his Majesty, that Himself might conclude, in that exigent, what was to be done for preservation of one of his three Kingdoms. This Letter, Subscribed by the Lords Justices, and every Member of the Council-Board, being the ground and foundation of the Resolutions which his Majesty afterwards took, I think necessary to insert in the terms of which it consisted ; which were these :

An Address of the Lords Justices and the Council in Ireland to the King. *May it please your most excellent Majesty,*
 "As soon as We your Majesty's Justices enter'd into the
 "Charge of this Government, We took into our Considera-
 "tions, at the Board, the State of your Army here ; which
 "We find suffering under unspeakable Extremity of want of
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“all things necessary to the Support of their Persons, or
 “Maintenance of the War, here being no Victuals, Cloaths,
 “or other Provisions requisite towards their Sustainance; no
 “Money to provide them of any thing they want; no
 “Arms in your Majesty’s Stores to supply their many de-
 “fective Arms; not above forty Barrels of Powder in your
 “Stores; no strength of Serviceable Horses being now left
 “here; and those few that are, their Arms for the most
 “part lost, or unserviceable; no Ships arriv’d here to guard
 “the Coast, and consequently no security render’d to any
 “that might, on their private Adventures, bring in Provi-
 “sions of Victuals, or other necessaries towards our Subsistence;
 “and finally, no visible means, by Sea or Land, of
 “being able to preserve for you this Kingdom, and to render
 “deliverance from utter destruction to the remnant of your
 “good Subjects yet left here.

“We find, that your Majesty’s late Justices, and this Board,
 “have often, and fully, by very many Letters, advertised the
 “Parliament in *England* of the Extremities of Affairs here,
 “and besought Relief with all possible importunity; which
 “also have been fully represented to your Majesty, and to
 “the Lord Lieutenant, and Mr Secretary *Nicholas*, to be made
 “known to your Majesty: And although the winds have of
 “late for many days, and often formerly, stood very fair for
 “accessions of Supply forth of *England* hither, and that We
 “have still, with longing Expectations, hoped to find Pro-
 “visions arrive here, in some degree Answerable to the ne-
 “cessities of your Affairs; yet now, to our unspeakable grief,
 “after full six Months waiting, and much longer patience,
 “and long suffering, We find all our great expectations an-
 “swer’d in a mean and inconsiderable quantity of Provisions,
 “viz. three-score and fifteen Barrels of Butter, and fourteen
 “Tun of Cheese being but the fourth part of a small Ves-
 “sel’s Lading, which was sent from *London*, and arriv’d
 “here the fifth day of this Month, which is not above seven
 “or eight days Provision, for that part of the Army which
 “lies in *Dublin*, and the out Garrisons thereof; no Money
 “or Victual (other than that inconsiderable proportion of
 “Victual) having arriv’d in this place, as sent from the
 “Parliament of *England*, or from any other Port of *Eng-
 land*, for the use of the Army, since the beginning of No-
 “vember last.

“We have, by the blessing of God, been hitherto prospe-
 “rous and successful in your Majesty’s Affairs here, and should
 “be still hopeful, by the mercy of God, under the Royal di-
 “rections of your Sacred Majesty, to vindicate your Majesty’s
 “Honour, to recover your Rights here, and take due Ven-
 “geance

"geance on those Traytors, for the Innocent Blood they have
 "spill'd, if We might be strengthen'd, and supported there-
 "in, by needful Supplies forth of *England*: but these Supplies
 "having been hitherto expected to come from the Parliament
 "of *England* (on which if your Majesty had not relied, We
 "are assured you would, in your high Wisdom, have found
 "out some other means to preserve this your Kingdom) and
 "so great and apparent a failure having happen'd therein, and
 "all the former, and late, long continuing Easterly Winds,
 "bringing us no other Provisions, than those few Cheeses and
 "Butter, and no advertisements being brought us of any fu-
 "ture Supply to be so much as in the way hither, whereby
 "there might be any likelihood that considerable means of
 "support for your Majesty's Army might arrive here, in any
 "reasonable time, before We be totally swallowed up by the
 "Rebels, and your Kingdom by them wrested from you: We
 "find our selves so disappointed of our hopes from the Parlia-
 "ment, as must needs trench to the utter loss of the Kingdom,
 "if your Majesty in your high Wisdom, ordain not some pre-
 "sent means of preservation for Us. And considering that if
 "now, by occasion of that unhappy, and unexpected failing
 "of Support from thence, We shall be less successful in your
 "Services here against the Rebels, than hitherto, whilst We
 "were enabled with some means to serve you, We have been;
 "the shame and dishonour may, in common construction of
 "those that know not the inwards of the Cause, be imputed
 "to us, and not to the Failings that disabled us: And confi-
 "dering principally, and above all things, the high and emi-
 "nent trust of your Affairs here, deposited with us by your
 "Sacred Majesty, We may not forbear, in discharge of our
 "Duty, thus freely and plainly to declare our humble appre-
 "hensions, to the end your Majesty, thus truly understanding
 "the terribleness of our Condition, may find out some such
 "means of Support, to preserve to your Majesty and your
 "Royal Posterity this your Ancient, and Rightful Crown,
 "and Kingdom: and derive deliverance and safety to the rem-
 "nant of your good Subjects yet left here, as in your excel-
 "lent Judgment you shall find to be most for your Honour,
 "and Advantage. And so praying the King of Kings to guide,
 "and direct you for the best, in this high and important
 "Cause, and in all other your Counsels and Actions, We hum-
 "bly remain:

From your Majesty's Castle of Dublin the 11th of May 1643.

THERE was no Sober Man in *Ireland* or *England*, who be-
 liev'd it to be in the King's Power to enable this People to
 carry on the War; for all Men too well knew, that he had
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neither Money, Victual, Ammunition, or Shipping, to supply them : and therefore his Majesty could not but conclude, that by this application of that State to him, they hoped he would endeavour to extinguish that War which he could not maintain. And it is very true, that, at the same time with this Letter, he receiv'd Advice and Information, from some of his prime Ministers of that Kingdom, who were well known, and acknowledg'd, perfectly to abhor the Rebellion, "That there was no reasonable hope of preserving his Protestant Subjects, and his own Interest in that Kingdom, but "by Treating with the Rebels, and making a Peace, or Truce, "with them. The King well foresaw to what reproaches he should object himself, by entering into such a Treaty with those Rebels ; and that they who had perswaded many to believe, that he had given countenance to, if not fomented the Rebellion, against all human Evidence that can be imagin'd, would more easily gain credit, when they should be able to say, that he had made a Peace with them : Besides that he had bound himself not to make a Peace with the Rebels in *Ireland*, without the consent of his two Houses of Parliament in *England*. On the other side, nothing was more demonstrable, than that his Protestant Subjects there, could not defend the little they had left, without extraordinary aid and assistance out of *England*; that it was impossible for him to send any to them, and as visible, that the Parliament Would not, or Could not; so that it seem'd only in his Election, whether he would preserve the remainder of his Protestant Subjects there, and that whole Kingdom, in dependence upon his Crown, with the inconvenience of some perverse and unreasonable scandal; or suffer them to be rooted out; and undergo the perpetual obloquy of having lost a Kingdom, when it was in his own power to have retained it within his Subjection : and whatever he had obliged himself to, in those Acts of Parliament which he had passed for relief of *Ireland*, before any Rebellion in *England*, was not, that there might never be a Peace in *Ireland*, but that the two Houses might cooperate with him, whereby the Rebels might be reduced to those Streights, that they might be compelled to submit to the performance of their Duties : and that, instead of any such co-operation, the two Houses refused to concur with him in any thing, and had employ'd those Monies, which had been raised by those very Acts, for the relief of *Ireland*, in the maintenance of the Armies which had given his Majesty Battle in *England*, expressly contrary to the words of those Acts ; and therefore that his Majesty might be reasonably disengaged from those Covenants on his part.

UPON these Considerations, after two Months delay, to see whether

whether yet the Parliament would take care of them, and having receiv'd fresh importunities, and advices from thence, about the end of *July*, the King writ to the Lords Justices in *Ireland*, "That they should issue out a Commission, under the Great Seal of *Ireland*, to the Marquis of *Ormond*, to Treat and Conclude a Cessation of Arms with the Rebels, upon such Articles and Conditions as he should judge most reasonable; and during that Cessation that such Agents as they should make choice of, should have access to his Royal Person, to present their own Propositions for Peace: So careful was the King not to infringe that Act of Parliament, which many understood to be dissolved by themselves: there being no colourable Clause in it, by which it was not in his Majesty's own Power to make a Cessation; and the Peace it self he respite in such a manner, that he might receive Advice and Concurrence from the Parliament, if they would not decline any farther consideration or care of that Kingdom.

HEREUPON the Lord Marquis of *Ormond*, being then only General of the Horse there, enter'd upon a Treaty with Commissioners Authoris'd by the Council at *Kilkenny*; to whose Jurisdiction the Rebels had committed the whole Government of their Affairs; and Articles of Cessation being prepared for a Year, and perus'd, and approv'd by the Lords Justices and Council, without whose advice the Marquis would not proceed, and all the principal Officers of the Army having given it under their hands, being present likewise at the Treaty, "That it was most necessary for the preservation of that Kingdom, that a Cessation should be made for a Year, upon those Articles and Conditions; and the Rebels undertaking to pay to his Majesty's use, thirty thousand and eight hundred pounds sterling, within a short time; whereof fifteen thousand eight hundred pounds in ready Money, and the other fifteen thousand pounds, one half in Money, and the other half in good Beefs, at thirty pounds the Score; a Cessation of Arms was concluded by the Marquis; and publish'd, with the Articles and Conditions, by the Lords Justices and Council of *Ireland*, to begin on the fifteenth day of *September*, and to continue for the space of a whole year.

A Cessation of Arms concluded for a Year in Ireland, Sept. 7. disann'd by the two Houses as Westminster.

THIS Cessation was no sooner known in *England*, but the two Houses declar'd against it, with all the sharp glosses upon it to his Majesty's dishonour that can be imagin'd; perswading the People, "That the Rebels were now brought to their last Gasps, and reduced to so terrible a Famine, that like *Canibals*, they eat one another, and must have been destroy'd immediately, and utterly rooted out, if, by the Popish Counsels at Court, the King had not been perswaded to consent to this Cessation. It is one of the Instances of the

the strange, fatal misunderstanding, which possessed this time, that notwithstanding all the caution the King used in meddling at all with the business of that Kingdom from the time of the Rebellion, and the clear discovery of all particular Reasons, Grounds, and Counsels, when he found it necessary to interpose in it, the calumnies and slanders raised to his Majesty's disservice and dishonour, made a more than ordinary impression upon the minds of Men, and not only of Vulgar-spirited People, but of those who resisted all other insinuations, and infection. And posterity, no question, will enquire, from what rise or spring this disadvantage flowed; to which Enquiry I can apply no other satisfaction, besides the disease of the time; which imputed all designs to designs upon Religion, and whatsoever was done by Papists, to the Zeal of the Queen on the behalf of her own Religion; then that the chief Managers, and Conducters of their Counsels, found it necessary to aver many things of Fact upon their own knowledge (by which they found the understanding of Men liable to be captivated) which in truth were not so: As I my self found by some sober Men, at such times as there was occasion of intercourse, and conference with them, that they did, upon such Assurance, believe that the King had done somewhat in that business of *Ireland* (some having avow'd, that they had seen his hand to such and such Letters, and Instructions) which, upon as much knowledge, as any Man can morally have of a Negative, I am sure he never did.

I SHALL here insert, as the most natural and proper Evidence of the State of *Ireland*, at the time of the Cessation, and of the unanswerable Motives which prevailed with the King to consent to it, two Letters; the one, of Expostulation from the two Houses to the Lords Justices and Council, which was received by them after the Cessation agreed on, though seeming to be sent before; and the Answer of that Board thereunto; with the Contents whereof, the King, nor any of his Council attending on him, was not at all acquainted, till long after their delivery. The Letters were in these words.

*To Our very good Lords, the Lords Justices, and Council,
for the Kingdom of Ireland.*

"Our very good Lords,

"THE Lords and Commons in Parliament, have Com-^{A Letter}
manded Us to let you know, they have seen your Letter of ^{concerning}
the tenth of *June*, directed to the Speaker of the House of ^{it, from the}
Commons, accompanied with an Act of State; in the Pream-^{two Houses}
ble whereof, is an expression to this effect, That your present ^{to the Lords}
difficulties are occasion'd through the failure of the Houses ^{Justices, Ju-}
ly 4. 1643.
"of

" of Parliament in *England*, who undertook the charge of this
 " War. This Letter, and Act of Council, were sent by his
 " Majesty from *Oxford*; to whom they believe you have sent
 " Copies of both, and have just cause to suspect, that there is
 " an impious design now on foot, to sell for nought, the cry-
 " ing Blood of many hundred thousands of *British* Protestants,
 " by a dishonourable, unsufferable Peace with the Rebels;
 " and then to lay the blame and shame of this upon the Par-
 " liament; a Plot suitable to those Counsels that have both
 " projected, and fomented this unparallel'd Rebellion: for
 " those who contriv'd the Powder Treason, intended to lay
 " it on the Puritans. And although they cannot think your
 " Lordships intended to further this design by this expression,
 " yet they have cause to believe, you have forgotten the pre-
 " sent condition of this Kingdom; the supplies they have sent
 " thither of all sorts, even in the midst of their own wants;
 " what relief going thither hath been taken away by Sea, and
 " Land, and by whom; and what discouragements have been
 " given them in return: so that, as your Lordships do truly
 " observe the Protestant Party in that City desirous to contri-
 " bute, in all things, towards preservation of that Kingdom,
 " and that all the opposition therein is from those of the Popish
 " Party, so ought you justly to conclude, that the Protestant
 " Party in this Kingdom have contributed, and are still en-
 " deavouring to contribute, Monies, Ammunition, Victuals,
 " and other Necessaries, for the saving of that Kingdom:
 " And that the Popish, and Malignant Party here, now in
 " Arms against the Parliament and Kingdom, have not as-
 " sisted, in the least measure, this pious work; but, on the
 " contrary, do hinder, and oppose the same: Neither should
 " your Lordships conceive, that only the charge of that War
 " was referr'd to, and undertaken by the Parliament, as if
 " Their part was to be Your Bankers, only to provide Money
 " for you to spend, and were not to advise and direct the
 " managing of the War; although an Act of Parliament hath
 " invested them with that Power; which they must assume
 " and vindicate as the means to save that Kingdom; and shall
 " bring to condign punishment those there, who, in this
 " conjuncture of Affairs, have advised the Commission to hear
 " what the Rebels can say, or propound, for their own Ad-
 " vantage; the Letters to divest their Committee of an Au-
 " thority given them by both Houses; and that advised the
 " late alteration of Government there; as Enemies to the
 " Weal of both Kingdoms, and Fautors of that Rebellion.
 " In the last place, We are forbidden to tell you, what Sup-
 " plies of Money, Victuals, Ammunition, and other Necess-
 " saries, are in good forwardness to be sent over, for the sup-
 " port

“port of the Officers and Soldiers there; and by whose incessant care; lest they should seem to Answer that scandal by excuse, which deserves an high resentment. This being all We have in command for the present, We bid your Lordships farewell, and remain,

“Your Lordships Friends to serve you

Grey of Warke

Speaker of the House of Lords, pro tempore;

William Lenthall

Speaker of the Commons House in Parliament.

“The Lords and Commons will examine the demeanour of the Ships appointed to guard those Coasts; and might have expected a Copy of *Mountroff's* Letter to Colonel *Crawford*, which came to your hands before the 10th of *June*; and, happily, would discover the Treason of the Rebels, sent by your Enemies to destroy you; as well as a complaint of those Sea Captains sent by your Friends to defend you; whose neglects and misdeeds are notwithstanding to be punished, according as their demerits shall appear.

Westminster the 4th of July 1643.

To our very good Lord, the Lord Speaker of the Right Honourable the Lords House of Parliament, in the Kingdom of England; and to our very loving Friend, William Lenthall Esq; Speaker of the Honourable Commons House in Parliament, in the said Kingdom.

“Our very good Lord, and M^r Speaker of the Commons House in Parliament,

“YOUR joynt Letters, of the fourth of *July* last directed to Us, were so long in coming, as they came not to our hands until the sixth of *October*. By those your Letters, you signify, that the Lords and Commons in Parliament, have commanded you to let us know, that they have seen our Letters of the Tenth of *June*, directed to the Speaker of the House of Commons, accompanied with an Act of State, in the preamble whereof, there is an expression to this effect, That our present difficulties were occasion'd through the failure of the Houses of Parliament in *England*, who undertook the charge of this War; to which expression, on, it seems, exception is taken, and interpretations made

*The Lords
Justices
Answer.*

“thereof, far otherwise we are sure than was intended by Us;
 “and, as We conceive, otherwise than the true sense of those
 “words can bear. It is true, that when We were necessitated
 “to set on foot the new Imposition, raised here in nature of
 “an Excise, towards keeping this Army from perishing by
 “Famine, it became necessary to express, in the Act of Coun-
 “cil whereby We order’d it, the reason inducing Us to set
 “on foot here a thing so unknown to his Majesty’s Laws,
 “and gracious Government, and the difficulties wherewith
 “We contended, which did necessitate that resolution; and
 “in expressing those difficulties, We used that expression, to
 “shew whence our difficulties were occasion’d; and that We
 “have therein declar’d the truth, We crave leave to mind you
 “of some particulars.

“If We should look so far back as to repeat the Substance
 “of many dispatches sent from this Board, since the begin-
 “ning of this Rebellion; some, to our very good Lord, the
 “Lord Lieutenant of this Kingdom; some to the Lords, and
 “others, Members of both Houses, his Majesty’s Commis-
 “sioners for the Affairs of this Kingdom, and some to the
 “Speaker of the Commons House of Parliament there; it
 “would prove a voluminous work; and therefore We forbear
 “to look farther back into those dispatches, than to the time
 “when the Committee sent thence hither, were here; who,
 “at their Arrival here, in the end of *October* 1642, brought
 “with them some Money and Provisions, but far short of that
 “which the Necessities of this Army requir’d; and indeed so
 “inconsiderable, in respect of those Necessities, as even be-
 “fore that Committee departed, they saw the Money they
 “had brought, wholly issued; and the high and unavoidable
 “necessity of a farther, speedy, and plentiful supply of Mo-
 “ney, and other Provisions. By Letters from this Board of the
 “20th of *January* 1642, and directed to the Speaker of the
 “Commons House of Parliament there, it was signified thi-
 “ther, that the Provisions of Victuals here, were then at the
 “very bottom; that that Committee then here, had certified
 “thither those Wants; that if a personal supply of Victual ar-
 “rived not here very speedily, the Army could not subsist, but
 “must have been constrain’d to disband, to the loss of this
 “Kingdom, and utter destruction of the few Subjects here:
 “that the want of Treasure here, to pay the Army, enforced
 “this Board to issue Victual to the Common Soldier, and
 “others, towards their pay, which did the sooner exhaust the
 “Magazine of Victual; that the Captains, and other Offi-
 “cers, not having relief that way, were reduced to great ex-
 “tremities, as had been formerly often represented thither;
 “and

“and therefore this Board, by the said Letters, then moved,
“that Treasure might be sent us speedily, so to redeem
“the Officers from the Calamities they suffer'd, and this
“Board from their unsupportable Clamours; and to enable
“the payment, in some part, in Money to the Common Sol-
“dier; so to make the Victual We then expected, to hold out
“the longer.

“It was also by those Letters then advertised thither, that
“the extremities of the Officers of the Army had begotten so
“much discontent amongst them, as divers Colonels, and
“others of them, presented at this Board a Remonstrance,
“whereof a Copy was then sent inclosed in the said Letters;
“which Remonstrance did exceedingly trouble, and perplex
“Us, lest it might beget such distractions amongst Us, as
“might give too much advantage to the Rebels. But, after
“full Debate thereof at this Board, it was here directed, that
“in present, to render some Subsistence to the Officers un-
“til Treasure arrived forth of *England*, every Man in this
“City should bring in half of his Plate, to be paid for it when
“Treasure arrived; whereupon some Plate was brought in,
“and applied towards the Army. This Board did also signify
“by those Letters, that without some speedy relief forth of
“*England*, the Burden here was become too heavy to be
“borne; and therefore, in discharge of our Duty to God, to
“our Gracious Sovereign, to that Kingdom, and to This,
“We held our selves bound clearly to make known, that un-
“less We were speedily supplied from thence, with Money,
“Arms, and Victual, it would be impossible for Us any far-
“ther to prosecute this War, or to preserve from suddain
“confusion this State and Government: so highly did the
“discontent of the Officers, and the disorder of the Soldiers,
“threaten Us, that it might be easily apprehended, what, in
“all human probability, must become of Us, when it was
“then evident, that here was no Money, nor any possibility
“of procuring any in this City, when our Victuals were spent;
“when a great part of the Army had no Arms; upon which
“We doubted, and feared, for the reasons in those Letters
“express'd, that the Soldiers would make Prey of Us and
“this City at last; and when We saw that the destruction,
“then threaten'd against Us, must then go farther, even to
“the loss of this Crown, and Kingdom; and to the highly
“endangering of that Kingdom also; which, for the Honour
“of his Majesty, and the *English* Nation, We by our said
“Letters desired might, by the Wisdom of that Honourable
“House, be speedily prevented, by hastening away, with all
“possible speed, Supply of Money, Arms, and Victuals.

" By other Letters of this Board, directed to Mr Speaker,
 " and dated the said twentieth of *January* 1642, it was adver-
 " tised thither, that it was become of absolute necessity, that
 " there should be sent Us from thence, speedily, six hundred
 " light Geldings for Recruits, to be default'd out of the en-
 " tertainments of those who should receive them. By other
 " Letters from this Board, of the same date, directed to Mr
 " Speaker, it was signified thither, that We had contracted
 " an Agreement here with *Theodore Schout*, and *Jacob Abbin*,
 " Merchants, that *Anthony Tyrenes*, in *London*, or *Daniel Wi-*
 " *brant* in *Amsterdam*, should receive seven thousand eight
 " hundred, fourscore and thirteen pounds three shillings; for
 " which the said *Theodore* and *Jacob*, had undertaken, by
 " their agreement with Us, to buy in *Holland*, and to Trans-
 " port from thence hither, at their own charge and adventure,
 " several proportions of Arms mention'd in a Docquet, then
 " sent inclosed in our said Letters; and they undertook so to
 " secure it by insurance, and provide such a Ship of force, as
 " We might be assur'd to have all those Arms arrive here
 " by the tenth of *March* now last past. And We, by our said
 " Letters earnestly besought that the said sum of seven thou-
 " sand eight hundred fourscore and thirteen pounds three shil-
 " lings might, by order of that Honourable House, be speedi-
 " ly paid to the said *Tyrenes*, or *Wibrant*, that those Pro-
 " visions might arrive here by the tenth of *March*; that we
 " might not lose the advantage of the then next Spring, for
 " recovering of such of the Sea Ports, and other places of im-
 " portance, as the Rebels had gotten; and for proceeding effe-
 " ctually in this War. Those Letters also mov'd for other pro-
 " visions of War, which We conceiv'd might be had in *Eng-*
 " *land* in reasonable time. And We then sent a Docquet of
 " those also; desiring earnestly they might be sent us speedi-
 " ly: And although there was an Agent sent from hence in
 " *November* 1641, to sollicite the dispatches sent from hence,
 " who attended at *London*, when those our Letters were sent
 " hence; yet of so great importance was that dispatch, requiring
 " instant and speedy Answer and Supply from thence, as We
 " adjudged it necessary to give special Instructions to the Lord
 " *Cromwey*, and others (besides that Agent then there attend-
 " ing) to move his Majesty, and sollicite the Houses of Parlia-
 " ment, to hasten unto Us, with all possible Speed, the Provi-
 " sions in those Letters contain'd: and that there might no-
 " thing be omitted, that by solicitation could be obtain'd,
 " there were Agents also sent thither from the Army to folli-
 " cite for them. By Letters from this Board of the twentieth
 " of *February* 1642, directed to Mr Speaker, We again de-
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“fired, with all possible earnestness, that the Provisions of all
 “sorts, expressed in those three Letters of the twentieth of
 “January, and the Docquets therewith sent, might be hasten’d
 “to us; and that the said seven thousand eight hundred four-
 “score and thirteen pounds three shillings, for Arms to be
 “provided in *Holland*, might be speedily paid. And in those
 “last Letters We again signified our miserable, and unspeak-
 “able want of Victuals, Arms, Munition, Money, Shoes,
 “and other Necessaries; and that if the Supplies We moved
 “for, came not speedily, We were unavoidably in danger to
 “be as much devour’d by our own wants, as by the Sword of
 “the Rebels; and that our want of Corn was so much the
 “more, in regard that, in confidence to be plentifully sup-
 “plied forth of *England*, We caused great destruction to be
 “made of Corn; there being indeed nothing conducing more
 “to the destruction of the Rebels, than the burning of all Corn.

“We also then signified the necessity of sending a farther
 “supply of Powder, and Match; and We declar’d, that no
 “words could sufficiently express the greatness of the danger
 “We should incur, if our Supplies came not speedily: that
 “the Plate brought in, amounted not to one thousand two
 “hundred pounds; a Sum very inconsiderable towards Relief
 “of the Officers. By Letters of this Board of the 25th of Fe-
 “bruary 1642, directed to Mr Speaker, We signified, that
 “when our means from thence failed, and our Credits could
 “hold out no longer, We were constrain’d, towards Relief of
 “the Army, to force from the Protestant Merchants here, as
 “well *English* as Strangers, not only the Commodities they
 “had brought hither, but the Native Commodities also; un-
 “dertaking to them that they should receive Payment at
 “*London*; which failing, that those that would supply Us,
 “were dishearten’d, and durst not come hither with Com-
 “modities; wherefore We again, by those Letters, besought
 “speedy supply from thence; declaring that otherwise, the
 “Army, and We, must perish; and so far We were transported
 “with grief, in the consideration of the high Extremities of
 “this Kingdom, and Army, as We did, by those Letters, la-
 “ment for the shame and dishonour, which We then foresaw
 “would reflect upon the *English* Nation, if then, after so
 “long and often forewarnings, given by Us to that Honour-
 “able House, this Kingdom were lost, and that for want of
 “Supplies from thence; wherein We then declar’d, that all
 “the comfort left us, was, that We had done our parts, and
 “discharged our duties to God, to his Majesty, and to all his
 “Kingdoms, who must have born their parts with us in so
 “heavy a loss.

By Letters from this Board dated the 23^d of *March* 1642, directed to Mr Speaker, We signified that our wants enforced us to distribute the Soldiers, for their Victuals, in and throughout this City and Suburbs; which, We signified, could not long hold, considering the Poverty of this place; and therefore to avoid utter Confusion, We did again and again beseech most earnestly, that, above all things, Victuals and Munition might be sent us speedily; and that Money, Arms, Cloaths, Shoes, and other Provisions might also be sent; declaring, that if they yet came speedily, the Kingdom, and his Majesty's Forces here, might be thereby redeem'd out of part of their distresses; and We enabled, by the blessing of God, to give his Majesty such an account of this Kingdom, as would be for the Glory of the King our Master, and the Honour of the *English* Nation, in the subduing this horrid Rebellion; which, by reason of our wants, and in no other respect, was then grown very terrible: and We did again call for the Provisions, moved for by our several former Letters of the twentieth of *January*, and twentieth of *February*, and for the Payment of the seven thousand eight hundred fourscore and thirteen pounds three shillings, for Arms to be provided in *Holland*, and those also which We expect from *London*; declaring, that unless those Supplies came, We should be disabled from doing Service on the Rebels the then next Spring, or the then succeeding Summer; and must undoubtedly put the Rebels into a Condition of prevailing against us, which We well believ'd, the Kingdom of *England* would never have permitted against so faithful Servants and valiant Soldiers, as his Majesty yet had here.

By those Letters also We signified, that it was necessary that there should be here, at this Harbour of *Dublin*, by the middle of *April*, at least two Ships of good Strength; and that the Ships design'd for guarding the other parts of the Coasts of this Kingdom, should be hasten'd away with all possible speed. By Letters from this Board directed to Mr Speaker, dated the fourth of *April* 1643, We represented again the unspeakable miseries of the Officers and Soldiers, for want of all things; and all those made the more insupportable, in the want of Food; and that this City was then apparently found to be unable to help us, as it had formerly done; and repeated again, in as lively terms as We could, the high Extremities fallen, and encreasing upon us; declaring, that We were enforced to see, who had any thing yet left him not taken from him, to help us; and that although there were but few such, and some poor Merchants,
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“whom We had formerly, by the Law of necessity, utterly
 “undone; yet, that We were forced to wrest their Commo-
 “dities from them: That there were few here, of our selves
 “or others, that had not felt their parts in the enforced ri-
 “gour of our proceedings towards preserving the Army; and
 “We earnestly desir’d, that his Majesty, and the *English*
 “Nation, might not suffer so great, if not irrecoverable pre-
 “judice and dishonour, as must unavoidably be the conse-
 “quence of our not being Reliev’d suddainly; but that yet,
 “although it were then even almost at the point to be too
 “late, Supplies of Victuals, and Munition, in present might
 “be hasten’d hither, to keep Life, until the rest might fol-
 “low: declaring also, that there was no Victual in the Store,
 “and that there would not be an hundred Barrels of Powder
 “left, when the out Garrisons, as they must then instantly
 “have been, were supplied; and that the residue of our Pro-
 “visions must also come speedily after, or otherwise that *Eng-
 “land* could not hope to secure *Ireland*, or secure Themselves
 “against *Ireland*; but in the loss of it, must look for such
 “Enemies from hence, as would perpetually disturb the Peace
 “of his Majesty, and his Kingdom of *England*; and among
 “them, by Sea and Land, as We had often formerly repre-
 “sented thither; which mischiefs We signified might yet be
 “prevented, if We were but then forthwith enabled, from
 “thence, with means to overcome this Rebellion.

“We then also again renew’d our requests for the Provi-
 “sions, mention’d in our Letters of the twentieth of *January*,
 “and for the payment of the seven thousand eight hundred
 “fourscore and thirteen pounds three shillings, for Arms to
 “be provided in *Holland*, besides those We expected from
 “*London*; We then also sent, inclosed in our Letters to
 “Mr Speaker, a Copy of writing, sign’d by sundry Officers of
 “the Army, which was in a Style threatening much danger;
 “whereby appear’d the high necessity of hastning Treasure
 “hither to pay them, and the rest of the Officers, and pro-
 “vide Victual for the Soldiers. On the 10th of *April* 1643,
 “We receiv’d Letters from Mr Speaker, of the seventeenth,
 “of *March*, in Answer to our Letters of the 20th and 25th of
 “*February*. Those Letters from Mr Speaker, advised free
 “Trade and Truck to be given to Merchants, by taking our
 “Native Commodities, that cannot be Manufactur’d here,
 “for their Corn, and other Victuals, and carrying them into
 “*England*, or other places not prohibited. And by our Let-
 “ters directed to Mr Speaker, dated the 22^d of *April*, in An-
 “swer to his said Letters of the seventeenth of *March*, We
 “made it appear, that That design could not hold to derive
 “benefit

"benefit to this Army. By those our Letters We signified
 "also, that the necessities of the Army still pressed us, by
 "degrees, to break the Merchants here, by wresting their
 "Commodities from them, upon promise of satisfaction in
 "*England*: that the failing of that satisfaction in *England*, as
 "it had undone Them, so had it infinitely prejudiced the
 "Service here: that We engaged the word of this State to
 "procure payment to many others, out of the next Treasure
 "that shall arrive forth of *England* (which Courses though
 "very hard, did help us for a time) that when those failed,
 "We begun at our selves, then at others, then at all Frater-
 "nities, and Corporations, as Bakers, Brewers, Butchers,
 "Vintners, and the like; then at all particular Persons ob-
 "serv'd to have any visible substance, not being able to spare
 "poor Men, who (to gain a poor living) made profes-
 "sion, some of selling Hot Waters, and some of Cutting
 "Tobacco: that in the end, all other means failing, We had
 "recourse to the only Native Commodity, Hydes; seising on
 "all that could be found, either on Ship-board, ready to be
 "exported hence (with purpose in some of the owners of
 "them to return Victuals hither; which We were not able
 "to wait for) or on Shore prepared for Ship-board; and made
 "use of them to get the Army in a few days Bread, still hoping
 "provisions of Victual might come to keep them alive; which
 "did draw upon us infinite Clamours.

"AND by the said Letters We earnestly besought, that be-
 "fore We should be utterly swallow'd up in the Confusion
 "of Affairs, wherewith We were beset, the destruction of
 "this State, and Army, and Kingdom, being then no less
 "feared to arise from the Army, though sent hither for their
 "preservation, than from the fury of the Rebels, if that Ho-
 "nourable House would not look back into all our several
 "Letters sent thither, which We then declar'd should for
 "ever acquit us before God, and the World; as having
 "discharged our duties to God, to his Majesty, and to this
 "his Kingdom, in fully, and timely, and often representing
 "thither the evils then ready to seise upon this State, the Ar-
 "my, and the Kingdom, and the means of preventing them;
 "yet at last they would be pleased to review our said several
 "Letters of the 20th and 25th of *February*, of the 20th of *Ja-*
 "*nuary*, 23^d of *March*, and 4th of *April*. We then also
 "signified that the Soldiers, pressed through wants, attempted
 "Tumults, and Mutiny, plunder'd divers of the Inhabitants
 "of this City, as well *English*, and Protestants, as others:
 "that We apprehended those disorders but beginnings of
 "what, We doubted, would then shortly ensue, even the
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“Ranſack of this City, if by Supplies forth of *England*, it
 “were not prevented: that then there would be no refuge
 “left, either for the Army, or other *Engliſh* here: that We
 “were not able to ſend out the Soldiers, for want of Money
 “to furniſh ordinary neceſſities, and of Ammunition: where-
 “fore We then again earneſtly moved, that ſome means
 “might be found for complying with our deſires, in thoſe
 “our ſeveral Letters expreſſed; certifying, that the State of
 “Affairs here, could not poſſibly admit the leaſt deferring;
 “and that no help was to be expected from hence; as We
 “had often, and fully, in former Letters, ſignified thither:
 “that if it were not immediately ſupplied forth of *England*
 “with Powder, We ſhould not be able to defend our ſelves,
 “or offend the Rebels; and that, above all things, Munition,
 “Money, and Victuals, were, of neceſſary to be ſent in the
 “firſt place; and the other Proviſions to be ſent after, which
 “alſo We certified moſt needful to be done with all poſſible
 “ſpeed.

“By our Letters of the ſixth of *May* 1643, directed to
 “Mr Speaker, We ſignified how neceſſary it was, that the
 “intended Eſtabliſhment ſhould be conſider’d there, and put
 “into ſuch a way as to be made perfect, and receiving his
 “Majeſty’s gracious Approbation, might be ſent hither;
 “which We deſir’d to be haſten’d, that the Officers, who
 “daily labour in the Publick Services, might the better know
 “what they are to have; of which Eſtabliſhment We have
 “not yet had any return. By our Letters to Mr Speaker of
 “the eleventh of *May* 1643, We ſignified, that although by
 “Letters from Mr Speaker dated the 17th day of *March*, it
 “was Advertiſed hither, that ſix weeks Proviſion of Victuals,
 “for each Province, was in preparing, yet that it was not
 “come, or if it was come, that it was a Supply far below
 “that which was neceſſary to be then ſent hither. And We
 “then again repeated the miſerable Condition of this Army,
 “through want of all things, eſpecially Money, Victuals,
 “Cloaths, Arms, and Munition: that there were not above
 “forty Barrels of Powder in the Store (a mean and inconſi-
 “derable quantity for this Army, on whom depends the pre-
 “ſervation of the Kingdom) and We again deſir’d, in caſe
 “of ſo high and eminent danger, and that with all poſſible
 “importunity, that a courſe might be then inſtantly taken
 “for haſtning away Powder with all ſpeed, and that the
 “other Proviſions alſo of all ſorts, mention’d in our former
 “ſeveral Letters of the 20th of *January*, 20th, and 25th of
 “*February*, the 23^d of *March*, and the 4th, and 22^d of *April*,
 “might be alſo haſten’d away; and that the ſeven thouſand
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“eight hundred and fourscore and thirteen pounds three shillings, for Arms to be provided in *Holland*, besides those We expected from *London*, might be paid.

“By those Letters also We signified, that We could not but lament our misfortune, and the dishonour reflecting on the *English* Nation, that the Season of the year should be so far enter’d into, and yet (notwithstanding all the representations, often, and timely enough made thither of Affairs here) no means put into our Power to make use thereof, in a vigorous prosecution of the War; but instead thereof, notwithstanding all the endeavour and industry here used to prevent it, We then beheld our selves sunk deeply into a Gulph of Confusion, and Distress of Affairs, being equally in danger to be devour’d through our wants, or to be destroy’d by the Rebels, for want of needful Habilitments of War to enable our Defence, as had been formerly often and fully declared thither; and therefore We again pressed to be redeem’d from the terrible-ness of our Condition, by such timely accessions of Supplies forth of *England*, as were contain’d in our said former dispatches.

“By our Letters to Mr Speaker, dated the sixteenth of *May* 1643, We desired that 320^l might be paid there, as We had formerly desired, for sundry particulars necessary for the Chirurgeons of this Army; there being a great want thereof for the Cares of wounded Men. And then We sent, and employ’d Sr *Thomas Wharton* Knight, a Member of this Army, purposely to sollicite the means of our Relief, that so We might omit nothing that We conceiv’d might conduce to the hastning of our expected Supplies. And by our Letters of the sixteenth of *May*, then sent to Mr Speaker, We signified, that the Kingdom was then in more danger than ever to be forced out of our hands, for want of timely Supplies out of *England*; and We desir’d most earnestly, that his dispatch might be hasten’d for our preservation, that, if it were possible, the King, and Kingdom of *England*, might yet then be preserv’d from that irrecoverable prejudice and dishonour, which must necessarily accompany, and follow the loss of this Kingdom.

“AND here We may not omit to mention, that We prevailed with divers Persons to advance Provisions to us, at several times, to answer the crying necessities of this Army; and to some, We gave our Bills, in nature of Bills of exchange, and to others, our own Bonds, undertaking repayment at *London* by the Parliament there; which We did in confidence to find ready payment there accordingly:

“and

“and We do not yet hear that those Bills of exchange, or Bonds, are yet paid there; but We find some of the Parties ready to Sue, and Implead us here, for those Debts, though contracted only for the Publick Service.

“WHICH proceeding of this Board, from time to time, We thus at large deduce, that so it may appear fully that We have discharg’d those duties which We owe to his Majesty, and to the trust of his Majesty’s Affairs here, in representing thither fully, and timely, and often, the wants and extremities to which this Kingdom and Army were reduced, and the means requisite to be sent for relief and preservation of both; and yet in all that time, namely from the said twentieth day of *January*, 1642, to the tenth of *June* 1643, which is the day of the date of our Letters, to which yours of the fourth of *July* is an Answer, or from that time to this, there arriv’d here, as sent from the Parliament of *England*, towards the relief of this Army, and for maintenance of this War, but the particulars following *viz.* Forty nine thousand two hundred forty eight pounds of Butter; forty nine thousand six hundred forty nine pounds of Cheese; four hundred forty seven Barrels and a half of Wheat, and Rye, three hundred threescore and seven Barrels of Pease; and three hundred fifty six Barrels of Oats; also five hundred Suits of Cloaths, one thousand Cassocks, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen Caps, also eight and twenty hundred three quarters and one pound of Match; thirty eight hundred two quarters and nine pound of Shot, and three hundred threescore and fourteen Barrels of Powder; of which Provisions of Munition, there were three hundred and one and forty Barrels of Powder, and five hundred fifty five pound two quarters and four and twenty pound of Match, which was the Munition We had contracted for here, and in the way, coming from *Holland*, was intercepted at Sea, and carried to *Calais*, and afterwards set free there by the mediation of his Majesty, and the Houses of Parliament in *England*; but the price thereof stands charg’d on the said Houses of Parliament.

“THIS was not above a weeks Provision, or thereabouts, of Victuals, for the Army in *Lowster*, being fifteen Regiments of Foot, and twenty two Troops of Horse, and four Troops of Dragoons, besides Train of Artillery, and four hundred Firelocks; so as certainly there was a failure in supplying us, and that failure was not occasion’d through any neglect on our parts, in not representing thither the wants and extremities endured by this Army; and the means of their Supply is, as We conceive, very clear by
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“those several dispatches sent from us to Mr Speaker. And
 “seeing, that the charge of this War was referr’d to, and
 “undertaken by the Houses of Parliament of *England*, and
 “that by those dispatches they fully understood the Condi-
 “tion of Affairs here, We offer it to any Man’s Considera-
 “tion, whether or no We had not just cause to conceive,
 “and accordingly to express in that Act of Council, that our
 “difficulties, which were necessary to be mention’d in that
 “Act, were occasion’d through the failure of the Houses of
 “Parliament in *England*.

“AND whereas you write, that the Lords and Commons
 “in Parliament do believe We have sent Copies of our said
 “Letters, and Act of Council to his Majesty, it is true, that
 “We have so done; and therein acquitted our selves towards
 “that Duty which We owe Him; and had failed in our Du-
 “ties, if We had done otherwise. But how from that, as
 “We conceive, necessary and true expression of ours in the
 “said Act of Council, or from our sending a Copy thereof,
 “and of our said Letters to his Majesty, there can be any
 “just cause to suspect (as your Letters seem to infer) there
 “is such an impious design now on foot, as your Letters
 “mention, We confess We do not understand, or any de-
 “sign at all other than the needful settling here of the Impo-
 “sition, in Nature of an Excise, in those our Letters and
 “Act of Council mention’d; without which this Army
 “could not have subsisted to this time; and was pressed by
 “the Committee from the Parliament here, but then avoided;
 “our hopes being then more, and our necessities not so great
 “as they were when we laid it. And as We find by your
 “Letters, that the Lords and Commons in Parliament there
 “have done us the right, by your said Letters, to signify that
 “they cannot think We intended by that expression, to far-
 “ther the design in your Letters mention’d, so We hold it
 “necessary to declare, that We neither have forgotten, nor
 “can forget, the present Condition of that Kingdom; but
 “We have a long time beheld, and still behold, and lament
 “with bleeding Hearts, the woful Condition of that King-
 “dom, and how God’s Hand is still stretch’d out against us,
 “in those heavy Distractions there; yet We Comfort our
 “selves with hope, that God, in mercy to his Majesty, and to
 “all his Kingdoms and People, will at length, in his own
 “good time, answer the Prayers and Tears of us his Ma-
 “jesty’s Servants, and many thousands of others his good Sub-
 “jects there, and here, continually pour’d out for his Ma-
 “jesty, and his Kingdom, in removing that heavy Judgment,
 “and settling Peace and Tranquillity there, to the Glory of
 “God,

" God, the Honour of his Majesty, and the joynt Happinesse
" of all his Subjects, in all his Kingdoms and Dominions.

" NOR have We forgotten the Supplies of all forts sent hi-
" ther by the Parliament, but do very well remember them.
" But We confesse We know not, what relief coming hither
" hath been taken away, either by Sea or Land, or by whom,
" or what discouragement hath been given them in return :
" Only we have heard, that the Shipping, employed by the
" Rebels at *Wexford*, did give them some interruption at Sea ;
" and that was occasion'd by neglect of duty in those who
" Commanded the Ships design'd for the Guard of the Coasts
" of this Kingdom : and the said Ship bound hither from
" *Holland* with Munition, which We had contracted for here,
" was intercepted at Sea, and carried to *Calais*, and afterwards
" set free there, by the mediation of his Majesty and the
" Houses of Parliament in *England*. And We find that some
" Ships, sent hither it seems at first with Provisions from *Lon-*
" *don*, and other Ships bound hither with Provisions on pri-
" vate Mens Adventures, were taken away even from this
" Harbour, a few days before the Cessation of Arms here, as
" they were coming in, and carried to *Liverpool*, by one Cap-
" tain *Dauk* a Person employed by the two Houses of Parlia-
" ment there, in the Command of a Ship, and that Ship com-
" manded by *Dauk*, and other Ships employed at *Liverpool*, do
" now, and have a long time stay'd on that side, laden with Pro-
" vision of Victuals, Coals, and other necessary relief bound from
" thence hither to be sold ; which, if they had arriv'd here,
" would have brought great relief to this Army, and the In-
" habitants in this City, though on the Adventure of the
" Bringers ; which We hold necessary to represent thither, to
" the end that their uncharitableness towards those poor Men
" that would Adventure hither to relieve us, and their inhu-
" manity towards this distressed Army, and City, and many
" of his Majesty's Protestant Subjects therein, might appear so
" as they, or others, may not presume hereafter to offend in
" that kind.

" AND whereas you write, that We should not conceive
" that only the Charge of this War was refer'd to, and under-
" taken by the Parliament, as if their part were to be our
" Bankers, only to provide Monies for Us to spend, and were
" not to advise, and direct the managing of the War ; We
" confesse We neither did, nor do conceive the Parliament
" there to be Bankers for Us ; but did esteem them, as those
" to whom the King our Master referr'd the Charge of this
" War, and to whom, as so entrusted by his Majesty, this
" Board, from time to time, made application ; and if any ad-
" vice

"vice had come from them, concerning the managing of the
 "War, We should have endeavour'd to have made the best
 "use thereof, for the furtherance of his Majesty's Service here.
 "And here We hold it necessary to declare, that when We under-
 "stood, that his Majesty, at the humble desire of the Lords
 "and Commons of Parliament in *England*, had, in *April 1642*,
 "granted a Commission to some Members of both Houses,
 "for ordering and disposing all matters there, for the defence,
 "relief, and recovery of this Kingdom; and that his Majesty
 "Commanded all his Officers, Ministers, and Subjects of his
 "Kingdom of *England*, and *Ireland*, to be obedient, aiding,
 "and assisting to the said Commissioners in the due execution
 "of the said Commission; and that by his Majesty's instructi-
 "ons, annexed to the said Commission, his Majesty gave it in
 "charge to those Commissioners, to advertise his Lieutenant of
 "*Ireland*, the Council, and other Governours and Command-
 "ers here, what they conceiv'd to be needful for the prose-
 "cution of the War in the best manner for the defence of
 "this his Kingdom, and ease of the great Charges and Ex-
 "pences, which, by occasion of this Rebellion, lay upon his
 "loving Subjects of his Kingdom of *England*: We therefore,
 "by our letters of the seventh of *June 1642*, directed to those
 "his Majesty's commissioners, besought, among other things,
 "present and particular direction for the prosecution of the
 "War; which yet We have not receiv'd: only We had ad-
 "vice from thence, to send some forces into *Connacht*; which
 "was done; and for sending some Forces into *Munster*,
 "which, by Our Letters of the thirteenth of *September 1642*
 "to the Commissioners there, We signified was not possible
 "for Us to do, unless We were plentifully supplied of those
 "things, whereof the wants then certified thither did then
 "disable Us.

"CONCERNING the Commission in your Letters men-
 "tion'd, it was not to hear what the Rebels would say, or
 "propound for their own advantage, as your Letters mention;
 "but his Majesty having receiv'd an humble Petition, in the
 "name of the Recusants of *Ireland*, desiring to be heard, his
 "Majesty thought it not unjust, or inconvenient for him, to
 "receive from them what they could say unto him; to whom
 "they insinuated that they would yet yield due obedience.
 "And therefore his Majesty, by his Commission under the
 "Great Seal of *England* (wherein he declared his extreme de-
 "testation of the odious Rebellion, which the Recusants of
 "*Ireland* have, without any ground or colour, raised against
 "Him, his Crown, and Dignity) Authorized some of his Mi-
 "nisters here, to hear at large what the Petitioners should
 "say,

“say, or propound; which his Majesty, by the said Commis-
 “sion, directed that the Petitioners, or the principal of them,
 “Authorised by the rest, should set down in writing under
 “their hands; and the Commissioners to send the same to his
 “Majesty; whereupon his Majesty by the said Commission
 “declared, he would take such farther consideration, as should
 “be just, honourable, and fit for his Majesty: and that that
 “Course gave not the least interruption to the proceeding of
 “the War, appears by this, that on the eighteenth of *March*
 “(being in the time the Commissioners, Authorised by his
 “Majesty, gave meeting to those of the other side, upon that
 “Commission) the Lord Marquis of *Ormond*, though one of
 “those Commissioners, in his return from *Ross* with about
 “two thousand five hundred Foot, and five hundred Horse
 “of his Majesty’s Army, fought with the Army of the Re-
 “bels, consisting of about six thousand Foot, and six hundred
 “and fifty Horse, and obtain’d a happy and glorious Victory
 “against them; and the Rebels Army being Defeated, and
 “wholly Routed, and their Baggage and Munition seized
 “on, his Majesty’s Forces lodged that night where they had
 “gained the Victory; as by former Letters of this Board, of
 “the fourth of *April* 1643, directed to Mr Speaker, We for-
 “merly signified thither: which We thus repeat, to manifest
 “that that Commission, or the Meeting thereupon, gave not
 “any manner of interruption to the proceeding of the War.

“CONCERNING the Letters you mention, to devest the
 “Committee of both Houses thereof of an Authority given them
 “by both Houses, We remember that his Majesty, by his
 “Letters of the third of *February* 1642, understanding that the
 “then Justices and Council had admitted, without His order
 “or knowledge, to sit in Council with them in this his King-
 “dom, Mr *Robert Goodwin* and Mr *Reynolds*, and that thereby
 “they were become so bold, as to take upon them to hear
 “and Debate of Matters Treated of in Council, his Majesty,
 “by his said Letters, signified by his express Command, that
 “they should not be permitted to sit, or be present any more
 “at his Majesty’s Council Table here; but if they had any
 “business, his Majesty willed, that they should attend as others
 “of their Quality: which his Majesty’s pleasure was humbly
 “obeyed by his said Justices, and Council, with that Duty
 “and Submission, which was due from them to his Roy-
 “al Commands. And as his Majesty, by his said Letters re-
 “quired, that, if those Persons had any business, they should
 “attend, as others of their Quality; so, if they had afterwards
 “offer’d any business at this Board, they should have been
 “heard therein: which was also signified to them before their
 “departure

“ departure hence. And now, upon this occasion, We having per-
 “ used the Copies they deliver’d at this Board, of the Order
 “ of both Houses Dated the sixth of *October* 1642, and of their
 “ Instructions, do find indeed, that, by the said Order, the said
 “ *Robert Reynolds*, and *Robert Goodwin*, were to have the Cre-
 “ dence, Power, and Esteem of a Committee sent hither by the
 “ Advice, and Authority of both Houses of Parliament; and
 “ that, by the said Instructions, they were to be admitted to
 “ be present, and Vote at all Consultations concerning the War;
 “ yet there is nothing in the said Order, or Instructions, for
 “ admitting them to sit, or be present at his Majesty’s Coun-
 “ cil Table; which is that which his Majesty, by his said
 “ Letters, required, should not be permitted; which cannot be
 “ conceiv’d to be a devesting them of any Authority given
 “ them by both Houses.

“ AND as to the late Alteration of Government here, ex-
 “ pressed in your Letters, although his Majesty in his high
 “ wisdom adjudged it fit to alter one of those Governours,
 “ which he had placed here, which was no more than He,
 “ and his Royal Predecessors had usually done in all Ages, as
 “ often as they thought fit, yet that made no alteration in the
 “ Government; but it in all times continued, and still conti-
 “ nues the same, though in other Persons.

“ THAT part of your Letters which declares, that you are
 “ forbidden to tell Us what Supplies of Money, Victual, Am-
 “ munition, and other Necessaries, were then in a good for-
 “ wardness to be sent hither for the support of the Officers,
 “ and Soldiers here, requires no Answer on Our parts, other
 “ than this truth, that they are not yet arriv’d here. Con-
 “ cerning *Mountross’s* Letters to Colonel *Crawford*, We know
 “ of no Treason to be discover’d thereby; but for the Sea
 “ Captains in your Letters mention’d, it is certain that their
 “ neglects and misdeeds deserve punishment, which We de-
 “ sire they may find rather to their correction, than to their
 “ ruin.

“ THUS We have given Answer to those parts of your
 “ Letters, which, We conceiv’d, concern’d Us; whereby, We
 “ hope, both Houses of Parliament there will now remain sa-
 “ tisfied, as in the necessity and justice of our Actions, so in
 “ the truth and candour of our Intentions, in those particulars
 “ to which your said Letters seem to take exception. And so
 “ We remain,

From his Majesty’s Castle of Dublin 28th of Oct. 1643.

“ Your Lordships very loving Friends,
 J^r.

<i>Jo. Borlase.</i>	<i>Hen. Tichborne.</i>	<i>Rich. Bolton. Cant.</i>
<i>La. Dublin.</i>	<i>Ormond.</i>	<i>Roscommon.</i>
<i>Ant. Mideris.</i>	<i>Ed. Brabazon.</i>	<i>Char. Lambert.</i>
<i>Geo. Shurley.</i>	<i>Ger. Lowther.</i>	<i>Tho. Rotherham.</i>
<i>Fr. Willoughby.</i>	<i>Tho. Lucas.</i>	<i>Ja. Ware.</i>
	<i>G. Wentworth.</i>	

THE distractions in *Ireland* being, by means of the Cessation, in some degree allayed, and both Parties having time to breathe, the King, in the next place, consider'd how he might apply that Cessation to the Advancement of his Affairs in *England*. One of the principal Motives that induced that Cessation, was the miserable State of the Army there, ready, through extreme wants, to disband; so that there being now less use of them there, and an impossibility to keep them, his Majesty had it only in his Election, whether he should suffer them there to disband, and dispose of themselves as they thought fit, which could not be without infinite disorder, and might probably prove as much to his particular disservice; or whether he should draw over such a Number as might be safely spared, to his own Assistance in *England*; to which he was assured, that the devotion, and affection of most of the principal or considerable Officers there, cheerfully inclined; and of this latter he made little scruple to make choice, when he was not only inform'd of the preparations and readiness in *Scotland*, to invade this Kingdom; but that they had called over their old General, the Earl of *Leven*, who Commanded the *Scotts* Forces in *Ireland*, and many other Officers and Soldiers out of that Kingdom, to form and conduct their Army into This; and that there were also Arts and Industry used, by some Agents for the Parliament, to persuade the *English* Officers likewise to bring over their Men for their Service.

So that the King directed the Marquis of *Ormond*, to make ^{The King} choice of such Regiments and Troops, as were necessary for ^{sends for} the Defence of the several Garrisons, or as could be provided ^{part of the} for, and supported in that Kingdom, and that the rest should ^{English} be sent for *England*. To which purpose, Shipping was sent; ^{Army out of} *Ireland*. with direction that those from, and about *Dublin*, should be Shipp'd for *Chester*, to be joyn'd to those Forces under the Command of the Lord *Capel*; whereby he might be able to resist the growing power of *Sr William Brereton*; who, by an addition of Forces from *London*, and with the Assistance of *Sr Thomas Middleton*, and *Sr John Gell*, was grown very strong; being backed by *Lancashire*, which upon the matter was wholly reduced to the obedience of the Parliament:

and that the other Forces out of *Munster* should be landed at *Brifol*, to be disposed by the Lord *Hopton*; who was forming a new Army, to oppose *Sr William Waller*; who threaten'd an inroad into the West; or rather to seek him out by visiting *Hampshire*, and *Suffex*, if the other were not ready to advance.

THE Court at *Oxford* was much encreased by the Queen's Presence, and the necessities were increased with the expence. All correspondence was absolutely broken with *London*, inasmuch as a sworn Messenger of the Chamber, sent to *London* with a Writ, and Proclamation for the Adjournment of the Term to *Oxford*, was apprehended as a Spy (as hath been said before) and executed by Martial Law; and the two Houses had caused a Great Seal to be made with the King's Image, and Inscription, and put the same into the hands of Commissioners; and so the Courts were continued in *Westminster-Hall*, for the dispatch of Justice (as they call'd it) as had been formerly, notwithstanding the King's Proclamation. The money, which by the particular Persons of all conditions had been very plentifully supplied in the beginning of the War, now near spent, and the stopping the intercourse with *London*, had shut the door against farther Supply; so that all Men were weary of the condition they were in, and expressed it as weary Men used to do, in Murmurs and Complaints. And now all the hope was in the Convention of the Members of Parliament; which being a new thing, suspended the present indisposition, and administer'd some expectation, what they, who came from all Quarters of the Kingdom, would do.

The Mem-
bers of both
Houses met
at Oxford.

ACCORDING to the King's Proclamation, the Members of both Houses of Parliament, who had withdrawn out of Conscience and Duty from those at *Westminster*, appear'd at *Oxford* at the day appointed; except such as could not reasonably be absent from their Commands in the Counties, where the Armies were. They were graciously, and solemnly welcom'd by his Majesty, with that Ceremony which is used at the opening of a Parliament; when his Majesty told them:

The Sub-
stance of
the King's
Speech to
them.

"THAT he had called them to be Witneses of his Actions, and privy to his Intentions; and that he desired to receive any Advice from them, which they thought would be suitable to the miserable and distracted condition of the Kingdom; in presenting whereof, they should use all that Parliamentary freedom which would be due to them if they were with him at *Westminster*, and which, with all their other Privileges, they should enjoy at *Oxford*, though they
" could

“ could not in the other place; with many expressions of grace towards them, and confidence in them. As soon as they had withdrawn to those places which were assign’d to their Counsels, both Lords and Commons enter’d upon the deliberation of all possible expedients, in order to Peace; most Men believing, according to the reason and conscience of their own hearts, that the difficulty was greater, to dispose those at *London* to the honesty and confidence of a Treaty, than, in that Treaty, to agree on such Conclusions as might be satisfactory to all Parties; judging it impossible, that Men could desire to bring ruin and desolation upon their Country, if they were once perswaded that it might be prevented with their own preservation. But how to advance to any formality, which probably might produce a disposition to inter-course, appear’d very hard. When they thought of advising the King to send a gracious Message and Overture to the two Houses, they presently remember’d, and consider’d, what his Majesty had already done that way, and how ill returns of Reverence and Duty, he had receiv’d from them: That to the two last Messages he had sent (it being not possible now to send any more gracious and obliging) they had never return’d Answer, and that they still detain’d his last Messenger in strict durance, after having expos’d him to a Trial for his Life at a Court of War: That they had prohibited any kind of Address to be made to them from his Majesty, except through the hands of the Earl of *Essex* their General. From thence those at *Oxford* enter’d upon the disposition, how they might engage his Lordship to the same thoughts and desires with them; to the which they easily believ’d, Experience, Observation, and Interest, would engage him. They perswaded themselves, that the principal ground which had hitherto frustrated all Overtures from his Majesty towards Peace, was the Conscience those at *Westminster* had of their own guilt, and the jealousy, that proceeded from thence, that no Peace could secure them, whilst there was power left in his Majesty; but that they could not possibly suspect the performance and exact observation of any agreement, which should be concluded upon the intercession of all the King’s Party; which must be security for the accomplishment of it. From the reasonableness of this Assertion, they entertain’d an Assurance, that the Earl of *Essex* would as greedily embrace the opportunity, and concur with them in promoting the Overture; which was all they desired; for that would remove those forms, which, as so many Rocks, were in the way. Hereupon the Lords and Commons, the Members of both Houses, resolv’d to write a Letter to the Earl of *Essex*, in

gaged in their Party ; that is to say, the Earls of *Northumberland, Pembroke, Essex, Kent, Lincoln, Rutland, Salisbury, Suffolk, Warwick, Manchester, Mulgrave, Denbigh, Stamford, Bul-
lingbrook* ; the Lords *Say, Dacres, Wharton, Grey of Wark, Willoughby of Parham, Howard of Eftrick, Rochfort, and Roberts* ; who were present, or had Proxies there.

THE Trumpeter found the Earl of *Essex* at his House in *London* , where he was detain'd three or four days ; during which time, the Committee of both Houses, that Committee which they called the Committee of Safety for the two Kingdoms (the *Scottish* Commissioners being a part of it) resorted to the Earl for his Advice : and in the end, the Trumpeter return'd with this short Letter to the Earl of *Forth*, the King's General.

My Lord,

*The Earl of
Essex's An-
swer directed
to the Earl
of Forth,
with the two
following
Declara-
tions.*

" I RECEIV'D this day a Letter, of the 29th of this in-
stant, from your Lordship, and a Parchment Subscribed by
the Prince, Duke of *York*, and divers other Lords and Gen-
tlemen ; but it neither having Address to the two Houses of
Parliament, nor therein, there being any acknowledgment
of them, I could not communicate it to them. My Lord,
the Maintenance of the Parliament of *England*, and of the
Privileges thereof, is that for which We are resolv'd to
spend our Blood ; as being the foundation whereupon all
our Laws, and Liberties are built. I send your Lordship
herewith a National Covenant, solemnly enter'd into by
both the Kingdoms of *England* and *Scotland* ; and a Decla-
ration pass'd by them both together, with another Declara-
tion of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, I rest

Your Lordships &c.

WHAT the Covenant was, being the same particularly set down before, I need not mention ; and the Declarations are as publick, and would be thought too large to be in this place inserted, to the interruption of the thread of this discourse ; yet it cannot be amiss to make a short Extract of some particular heads, or conclusions of them ; that the World may see what kind of reasoning this time had introduced, and that they were as bold with God as with the King.

*An Extract
of the De-
claration of
the Kingdom
of Scotland*

THAT Declaration of the Kingdom of *Scotland* alone, was, to justify their present Expedition into *England* ; in which they said, " It was most necessary, that every one, against all doubt-
ing, should be perswaded in his mind of the lawfulness of
his Undertaking, and of the goodness of the Cause main-
tain'd

“these considerations, have thought fit to invite you to that
“part in this blessed work, which is only capable to repair all
“our misfortunes, and to buoy up the Kingdom from ruin;
“that is, by Conjuring you by all the obligations that have
“Power upon Honour, Conscience, or Publick Piety, that lay-
“ing to Heart, as We do, the inward bleeding Condition of
“your Country, and the outward more menacing destruction
“by a Forreign Nation, upon the very point of Invading it,
“you will cooperate with us to it's preservation, by truly
“representing to, and faithfully and industriously promoting
“with those by whom you are trusted, this following most
“sincere, and most earnest desire of ours; that they joyning
“with us in a right sense of the past, present, and more threat-
“ning Calamities of this deplorable Kingdom, some Persons
“be appointed on either part, and a place agreed on, to Treat
“of such a Peace, as may yet redeem it from the brink of
“Defolation.

“THIS Address We should not have made, but that his
“Majesty's Summons, by which We are met, most graciously
“proclaiming Pardon to all without exception, is evidence
“enough, that his mercy and clemency can transcend all for-
“mer provocations; and that he hath not only made us wit-
“nesses of his Princely Intentions, but honour'd us also with
“the Name of being security for them. God Almighty direct
“your Lordship, and those to whom you shall present these
“our most real desires, in such a Course as may produce that
“happy Peace, and Settlement of the present Distractions;
“which is so heartily desired, and pray'd for, by us, and
“which may make us,

“Your &c.

From Oxford 29th of Jan. 1643.

THIS Letter was Subscribed by his Highness the Prince,
the Duke of *Tork*, and three and forty Dukes, Marquisses,
Earls, Viscounts, and Barons, and one hundred and eighteen
Members of the House of Commons; there being such expe-
dition used in the dispatch, that it was not thought fit to be
defer'd for a greater Subscription: Albeit it was known that
many Lords and Commoners were upon the way, who came
within few days; and there were, at that time, near twenty
Peers absent with his Majesty's leave, and employ'd in his
Affairs, and Armies, in the Kingdom; and ten at the same
time in the Parts beyond the Seas. So that the Numbers at
London were very thin; for there were not above two and
twenty Peers, who either sat in the Parliament, or were en-

“THEY said the Question was not, Whether they should
 “presume to be Arbitrators in the matter, now debated by
 “Fire and Sword, betwixt his Majesty and the Houses of
 “Parliament; which might seem to be foreign and extrin-
 “secal to that Nation, and wherein they might be conceiv’d
 “to have no Interest; but, Whether, their Mediation and In-
 “tercession being rejected by the one Side, upon hope of
 “Victory, or suppose by both Sides, upon Confidence of
 “their own strength and several Successes, it were not their
 “Duty, it being in their Power, to stop or prevent the Effu-
 “sion of Christian Blood; or, Whether they ought not to en-
 “deavour to rescue their Native King, his Crown and Po-
 “sterity, out of the midst of so many dangers, and to pre-
 “serve his People and Kingdom from Ruin and Destruction.
 “If every private Man were bound in Duty to interpose
 “himself as a Reconciler, and Sequestrator between his Neigh-
 “bours, arm’d to their mutual Destruction; if the Son ought
 “to hazard his own Life for the preservation of his Father
 “and Brother, at Variance one against the other, should a
 “Kingdom sit still, and suffer their King and Neighbouring
 “Kingdom to perish in an unnatural War? in the time of
 “Animosity, and appetite of Revenge, such an Interposing
 “might be an irritation; but afterwards, when the Eyes
 “of the Mind, no more blood-run with Passion, did dis-
 “cern things right, it would be no grief or offence of
 “Heart, but matter of Thanksgiving to God, and to the In-
 “struments which had kept from shedding Blood, and from
 “Revenge.

WITH this kind of Divinity, and this kind of Logick, to
 shew that they had a clear prospect of whatever could be
 said against them, they resolv’d to Invade their Neighbour
 Nation, and to interpose themselves as Reconcilers, by joyn-
 ing against their Native and Natural King, with his Re-
 bellious Subjects, in all the Acts of Animosity and Blood,
 which have been ever practiced in the most raging, and fu-
 rious Civil War.

An Extract
 of the De-
 claration of
 England
 and Scot-
 land.

THE other Declaration, mention’d in the Earl’s Letter,
 was a Declaration pass’d, and published in the Name of
 both Kingdoms, *England* and *Scotland*, after their Marriage
 by their new League and Covenant, and about the very time
 that this very Overture for Peace came from *Oxford*. They
 were now both equally inspired with the *Scotch* Dialect and
 Spirit; talked, “How clearly the light of the Gospel shined
 “amongst them; that they placed not their Confidence in
 “their own Counsels and Strength; but their Confidence was
 “in God Almighty, the Lord of Hosts, who would not
 “leave

“leave nor forsake his People. It was his own Truth and
 “Cause, which they maintain’d against the Heresy, Super-
 “stition, and Tyranny of Anti-Christ: the Glory of his
 “Name, the Exaltation of the Kingdom of his Son, and the
 “Preservation of his Church was their aim, and the end
 “which they had before their Eyes. It was His Covenant,
 “which they had solemnly in both Nations Sworn and Sub-
 “scribed; which he would not have put in their Hearts to
 “do, if he had been minded to destroy them. Upon these
 “and the like Grounds and Considerations, being confident
 “that this War, wherein both Nations were so firmly united,
 “and deeply engaged, was of God, they resolve with Cou-
 “rage and Constancy to the end to do their part; and the
 “Lord who had stirr’d up their Spirits, display’d his Banner
 “before them, and given the Alarm, do that which seemeth
 “him good.

THEY gave now “Publick warning to all Men to rest no
 “longer upon their Neutrality, or to please themselves with
 “the naughty and slothful pretext of indifferency; but that
 “they address themselves speedily to take the Covenant, and
 “joyn with all their power, in the Defence of this Cause
 “against the Common Enemy; and by their Zeal, and for-
 “wardness hereafter, to make up what had been wanting
 “through their Lukewarmness; this they would find to be
 “their greatest Wisdom, and Safety; otherwise they did declare
 “them to be Publick Enemies to their Religion, and Country;
 “and that they were to be censur’d and punish’d, as professed
 “Adversaries, and Malignants.

THEN they proclaim’d “A Pardon to all those who would
 “before such a day desert the King, and adhere to them, and
 “take the Covenant; and concluded, “That they made not
 “that Declaration, from any presumption, or vain glorying
 “in the strength of their Armies and Forces, but from the
 “sense of their Duty, which was required and expected from
 “the high Places, and publick Relations, wherein they stood;
 “and from the Assurance they had of the Assistance of God,
 “by whose Providence, the Trust and Safety of those King-
 “doms were put into their hands at this time; having, after
 “long and grave Consultation, resolv’d and decreed never to
 “lay down Arms, till Truth and Peace, by the blessing of
 “God, be settled in this Island, upon a firm foundation for the
 “present, and future Generations; which, they said, should be
 “esteem’d of them an abundant reward of all that they could
 “do, or suffer in that Cause.

THESE were the Declarations which the Earl of *Essex*,
 together with the Covenant, sent, as an Answer to that *Let-*

ter:

ter from the Prince of *Wales*, and those Lords and Gentlemen; which might have been the foundation of an Honest, and Honourable Peace to all the King's Dominions. And I cannot but observe, that after this time that the Earl declin'd this opportunity of declaring himself, he never did prosperous Act in the remainder of his Life; but whereas before, he had throughout the Course of his Command, how unwarrantably soever undertaken, behaved himself with very signal Courage and Conduct, and at this time was adorn'd with the Testimony of Friends and Enemies, of a right good General, upon the conclusion of the business of *Glocester*; he never, after his taking this Covenant, and writing this Letter, did one Successful thing; but prov'd Unfortunate in all he went about, even to his Death; of which We shall say more in it's place.

We the rather extracted these short Clauses of those two Declarations, that Posterity may observe the Divine Hand of Almighty God upon the People of these miserable Kingdoms; that after they had broken loose from that excellent Form and Practice of Religion, which their Ancestors, and Themselves had observ'd, and enjoy'd, with a greater measure of Happiness, than almost any Nation liv'd under, so long a time; and after they had cancelled, and thrown off those admirable and incomparable Laws of Government, which was compounded of so much exact reason, that all possible Mischiefs were foreseen, and provided against by it; they should be now Captivated by a Prophane and presumptuous entitling themselves to God's Favour, and using his holy Name in that manner, that all sober Christians must stand scandalized, and amazed at; and should be deluded by such a kind of reasoning and debate, as, one would think, could only impose upon Men unnurtur'd, and unacquainted with any Knowledge or Science.

THERE wanted not a just indignation at the return of this Trumpet; and yet the Answer being so much in that Popular Road, of saying something plausibly to the People, it was thought fit again to make an attempt, that at least the World might see, that they did, in plain *English*, refuse to admit of any Peace. So the Earl of *Forth* was advised to write again to the other General, for a Safe Conduct for two Gentlemen then named, against whom no imaginable exception could be taken, to and from *Westminster*, to be sent by his Majesty concerning a Treaty of Peace. To this the Earl of *Essex* return'd Answer, "That whensoever he should receive any directions to those who had intrusted him, he should use his best endeavours; and when a Safe Conduct
"should

“Should be desir’d for those Gentlemen, mention’d in his
“Letter, from his Majesty to the Houses of Parliament, his
“Lordship would, with all chearfulness, shew his willing-
“ness to farther any way that might produce that happiness,
“which all honest Men pray’d for; which is a true under-
“standing between his Majesty, and his faithful, and only
“Council, the Parliament.

THIS expression of his resolution of interposing, if he
had a Letter from his Majesty to the Houses of Parliament
(together with some intimation in Letters from *London*, which
at these Seasons never wanted) perswaded many, that the
Earl wanted only an opportunity to possess the Houses with
the Overture, and if it were once within the Walls, there
were so many well affected to Peace, that the Proposition
would not be rejected; though no particular Person, or Com-
bination of Men, had the Courage, of themselves, to propose it.
And therefore at the same time, making all possible prepara-
tions for the Field, as the Scene where the differences were like
to be decided, his Majesty was prevailed with, though he
concluded it would be rejected, to send this ensuing Mes-
sage, which was enclosed to the Earl of *Essex*, to be by him
managed.

“OUT of Our most tender and pious Sense of the sad and
“bleeding Condition of this Our Kingdom, and Our un-
“wearied desires to apply all remedies, which by the bless-
“ing of Almighty God, may recover it from an utter Ruin,
“by the advice of the Lords and Commons of Parliament,
“assembled at *Oxford*, We do propound, and desire, that a
“convenient Number of fit Persons may be appointed, and
“authorised by You, to meet, with all convenient speed, at
“such Place as you shall Nominate, with an equal Number
“of fit Persons whom We shall appoint, and authorise to
“Treat of the ways and means to settle the present Distra-
“ctions of this our Kingdom, and to procure a happy Peace:
“And particularly, how all the Members of both Houses
“may securely meet in a full and free Convention of Parlia-
“ment, there to Treat, Consult, and Agree upon such things,
“as may conduce to the maintenance, and defence of the
“true Reform’d Protestant Religion, with due consideration
“to all just, and reasonable ease of tender Consciences; to
“the settling and maintaining of our just Rights and Privi-
“leges, of the Rights and Privileges of Parliament, the Laws
“of the Land, the Liberty and Property of the Subject, and
“all other Expedients, that may conduce to that blessed
“end of a firm and lasting Peace both in Church and State,
“and

*The King's
Message to
both Houses.*

“and a perfect understanding betwixt Us and our People:
 “wherein no Endeavours, or Concurrence of Ours shall be
 “wanting: And God direct your Hearts in the way of Peace.

Given at our Court at Oxford, 3d March 1643.

THIS Message being sign'd by his Majesty, was subscribed to the Lords and Commons of Parliament assembled at *Westminster*; which, though it was a Style they could not reasonably except against, was yet no other than the Lords and Commons at *Oxford* took upon themselves, as they well might. After two or three debates in the Houses, and with the *Scottish* Commissioners, without whose Concurrence nothing was transacted, this Answer was return'd to his Majesty; which put a period to all Men's hopes, who imagin'd that there might be any disposition in those Councils to any possible, and honest Accommodation.

May it please your Majesty.

*The two
Houses Answer.*

“WE the Lords and Commons assembled in the Parliament
 “of *England*, taking into our consideration a Letter sent from
 “your Majesty, dated the 3^d of *March* instant, and directed
 “to the Lords and Commons of Parliament assembled at *West-*
 “*minster* (which by the contents of a Letter from the Earl
 “of *Portb* unto the Lord General the Earl of *Essex*, We con-
 “ceive was intended to our selves) have resolv'd with the
 “concurrent Advice, and Consent of the Commissioners of
 “the Kingdom of *Scotland*, to represent to your Majesty, in all
 “humility and plainness, as followeth: That as We have used
 “all means for a just and safe Peace, so will We never be
 “wanting to do our utmost for the procuring thereof; but
 “when We consider the expressions in that Letter of your
 “Majesty's, We have more sad and despairing thoughts of at-
 “taining the same than ever; because thereby those Persons
 “now assembled at *Oxford*, who, contrary to their Duty,
 “have deserted your Parliament, are put into an equal Con-
 “dition with it. And this present Parliament, conven'd ac-
 “cording to known and fundamental Laws of the Kingdom
 “(the continuance whereof is establish'd by a Law consented
 “to by your Majesty) is in effect denied to be a Parliament;
 “the scope and intention of that Letter being to make provision
 “how all the Members, as is pretended, of both Houses may
 “securely meet in a full and free Convention of Parliament;
 “whereof no other conclusion can be made, but that this pre-
 “sent Parliament is not a full, nor free Convention; and that to
 “make

“make it a full and free Convention of Parliament, the presence of those is necessary, who notwithstanding that they have deserted that great Trust, and do levy War against the Parliament, are pretended to be Members of the two Houses of Parliament.

“AND hereupon We think our selves bound to let your Majesty know, that seeing the continuance of this Parliament is settled by a Law, which (as all other Laws of your Kingdom) your Majesty hath sworn to maintain, as We are sworn to our Allegiance to your Majesty (these obligations being reciprocal) We must in duty, and accordingly are resolv’d, with our Lives and Fortunes, to defend and preserve the just Rights and full power of this Parliament; and do beseech your Majesty to be assured, that your Majesty’s Royal and hearty concurrence with Us herein, will be the most effectual and ready means of procuring a firm and lasting Peace in all your Majesty’s Dominions, and begetting a perfect Understanding between your Majesty and your People: without which, your Majesty’s most earnest professions, and our most real Intentions concerning the same, must necessarily be frustrated. And in case your Majesty’s three Kingdoms should, by reason thereof, remain in this sad and bleeding condition, tending, by the continuance of this unnatural War, to their ruin, your Majesty cannot be the least, nor the last Sufferer. God in his goodness incline your Royal breast, out of pity and compassion to those deep sufferings of your innocent People, to put a speedy and happy Issue to these desperate evils, by the joynt advice of both your Kingdoms, now happily united in this Cause by their late solemn League and Covenant; which as it will prove the surest remedy, so it is the earnest prayer of your Majesty’s loving Subjects, the Lords and Commons assembled in the Parliament of *England*.

Grey of Warke
Speaker of the House of Peers in Parliament
[pro tempore;

Westminster the
9th of Mar. 1643.

William Lenthall
Speaker of the House of Commons in Parliament.

THE hope of Peace, by this kind of interposition, did not in any degree make the Counsels remiss for the providing of Money to supply the Army: Upon which they had more hope than for a Treaty. But the Expedients for Money were not easily
Means agreed upon by the Lords and Commons as Oxford to raise Money.

easily thought on ; though there was a considerable part of the Kingdom within the King's Quarters, the Inhabitants were frequently robbed, and plunder'd by the Incursions of the Enemy, and not very well secured against the Royal Troops, who begun to practice all the License of War. The Nobility, and Gentry, who were not Officers of the Army, lived for the most part in *Oxford*; and all that they could draw from their Estates, was but enough for their own Subsistence ; they durst not enter upon charging the People in general, lest they should be thought to take upon them to be a Parliament ; and their care was, that the Common People might be preserv'd from Burthens ; and they were as careful not to expose the King's Honour, or Name, to affronts and refusals ; but were willing that the Envy and Clamour, if there should be any, should fall upon Themselves.

THEY appointed all the Members of the Commons, "To
 "bring in the Names of all the Gentlemen of Estate, and
 "other Persons who were reputed to be rich, within their se-
 "veral precincts ; and what Sum of Money every Body might
 "be well able to supply the King with, in this exigent of the
 "publick State. And then a form of a Letter was conceiv'd,
 which should be sent to every one of them, for such a Sum ;
 "the Letter to be Subscribed by the two Speakers of the
 "Houses, to the end that the People might know, that it was
 "by the advice of the Members of Parliament assembled
 "there ; which was as much the advice of Parliament, as could
 "be deliver'd at that time in the Kingdom. When the way
 and method of this was approv'd by the Lords, and his Ma-
 jesty likewise consented to it ; they begun, the better to en-
 courage others, with Themselves ; and caus'd Letters to be
 sign'd and deliver'd to the several Members of both Houses,
 "For such Sums as they were well disposed to furnish ; which
 were to that proportion as gave good Encouragement to others ;
 and the like Letters to all Persons of condition who were in
 the Town. And by this means, there was a Sum rais'd in
 ready Money, and Credit, that did supply many necessary oc-
 casions, near the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, where-
 of some came in every day, to enable the King to provide for
 the next Campagne ; which, the Spring coming on, was to be
 expected early ; the Parliament at *Westminster* having rais'd
 vasts Sum of Money, and being like to bring many Armies
 into the Field. All, who were to furnish Money upon these
 Letters, had liberty to bring, or send it in Plate, if that was
 for their convenience ; the King having call'd the Officers
 and Workmen of his Mint to *Oxford*, who Coy'n'd such Plate
 as was brought in ; his Majesty likewise made a Grant of some
 Forrests,

Forrests, Parks, and other Lands, to certain Persons in Trust, for the securing of such Money as should be borrow'd, or those Persons who should be bound for the payment of such Money; and by this means likewise many considerable Sums of Money were procured, and Cloth, and, Shoes, and Shirts, were provided for the Army.

THE two Houses at *Westminster*, who called themselves, and they are often called in this discourse, the Parliament, had at this time by an Ordinance, that is an Order of both Houses, laid an Imposition, which they called an Excise, upon Wine, Beer, Ale, and many other Commodities, to be paid in the manner very punctually and methodically set down by them, for the carrying on the War. This was the first time, that ever the Name of payment of Excise was heard of, or practiced in *England*; laid on by those who pretended to be most jealous of any exaction upon the People: and this Pattern being then printed, and published at *London*, was thought by the Members at *Oxford*, as a good Expedient to be followed by the King; and thereupon it was settled, and to be govern'd, and regulated by Commissioners, in the same Method it was done at *London*. And in *Oxford*, *Bristol*, and other Garrisons, it did yield a reasonable supply for the Provision of Arms and Ammunition; which, for the most part, it was assign'd to; both sides making ample Declarations, with bitter reproaches upon the necessity that drew on this imposition, "That it should be continued "no longer than to the end of the War, and then laid down, "and utterly abolish'd; which few wise Men believ'd it would ever be.

The two Houses at Westminster impose an Excise.

The two Houses at Oxford follow the Example.

THE high and insolent proceedings at *Westminster*, made no impression at *Oxford* towards the shaking the Allegiance, and Courage of those whom his Majesty had called to advise him. But when they found the temper of those so much, above belief, averse to Peace, and intending utter ruin to the King, the Church, and all who should continue true *English* Men and Subjects, they resolv'd as frankly to declare their Resolutions, that the People might see the Issue they were at; and therefore they publish'd a Declaration of the Grounds and Motives which had forced them to leave the Parliament at *Westminster*; in which they mention'd "All the "indirect Passages, and the Acts of Violence, by which they "had been driven thence; and the obligations upon them in "Conscience, and Law, to adhere to his Majesty; and the "misery which the other Party had already brought upon the "Kingdom, and the desolations which must inevitably follow "those conclusions: and with a greater Unanimity and Con-

The Substance of the Declaration of the Lords and Commons at Oxford.

"sent,

sent, than was ever known in so great a Council, where there were so many Persons of Honour, and Judges, and others Learned in the Law, among whom there was scarce one dissenting Voice, they declared,

1. "THAT all such Subjects of *Scotland*, as had consented to the Declaration, entitled the Declaration of the Kingdom of *Scotland* concerning the present Expedition into *England*, had thereby denounced War against the Kingdom of *England*, and broke the Act of Pacification.

2. "THAT all his Majesty's Subjects of the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, are both by their Allegiance, and the Act of Pacification, bound to resist and repress all those of *Scotland* as had, or should enter upon any part of his Majesty's Realm and Dominions, as Traytors, and Enemies to the State; and that whosoever should Abet, Aid, or Assist the *Scots* in their Invasion, should be deem'd as Traytors and Enemies to the State.

3. "THAT the Lords and Commons remaining at *Westminster*, that had given their Votes, or Consent to the raising of Forces under the Command of the Earl of *Essex*, or had been Abetting, Aiding, or Assisting thereunto, had levied and raised War against the King, and were therein guilty of High Treason.

4. "THAT those Lords and Commons remaining at *Westminster*, that had given their Votes and Consents for the making and using a new Great Seal, had thereby Counterfeited the King's Great Seal, and therein committed High Treason.

5. "THAT the Lords and Commons remaining at *Westminster*, who had given their Consents to the present coming in of the *Scots* in a Warlike manner, had therein committed High Treason: and that in these three last Crimes, they had broken the Trust reposed in them by their Country, and ought to be proceeded against as Traytors to the King, and Kingdom.

So that the Engagement seem'd fuller of Animosity on both sides, than ever; and the King exceedingly strengthen'd by the Lords and Commons having more positively and concernedly wedded his Cause, than they were before understood to have done; and in truth, in the Civil Councils, nothing was left undone to give it all imaginable Advancement.

IT had been very happy for the King, if the Winter had been spent only in those Councils which might have provided

vided Money, and facilitated the making his Army ready to take the Field in the Spring; when he was sure to have occasion enough to use it; and to be in great distress, if it should not be then in a condition to march; but the Invasion, which the *Scots* made in the depth of Winter, and the Courage the Enemy took from thence, deprived his Majesty even of any rest in that Season. Upon the *Scots* unexpected march into *England* in *January*, in a most violent Frost and Snow, hoping to reach *New-Castle* before it could be Fortified, and perswading their Common Soldiers, that it would be deliver'd to them as soon as required; thither the vigilant *Sr Thomas Glensham* had been before sent to attend their Coming, and the Marquis of *New-Castle* with his Army, upon the fame of their Invasion, marched thither with a resolution to Fight with them before they should be able to joyn with the *English* Rebels; leaving in the mean time the Command of *York*, and the Forces for the guard of that County, to Colonel *John Bellasis*, Son to the Lord *Falconbridge*, a Person of great Interest in the Country, and of exemplary Industry and Courage. But by this means, and the remove of the Marquis with his Army so far North, the Enemy grew to a great strength in those Parts; and not only able to disquiet *York-shire*, but drawing a great Body of Horse and Foot out of *Derby-shire*, *Stafford-shire*, and *Lincoln-shire*, sat down before his Majesty's Garrison of *Newark* upon *Trent*, with a full confidence to take it; and so to cut off all correspondence between his Majesty and the Marquis of *New-Castle*. And *Sr Thomas Fairfax* from *Hull*, in the head of a strong Party, had fallen upon a Quarter not far from *York*, Commanded by Colonel *John Bellasis* at *Selby*, and had totally Defeated it, taken the Cannon, and many Officers Prisoners, and amongst those the Colonel himself. This was the first Action for which *Sr Thomas Fairfax* was taken Notice of; who in a short time grew the supreme General under the Parliament. This Defeat, which was great in it self, was made much greater by the terrible apprehensions the City of *York* had upon it; insomuch that the Marquis of *New-Castle*, who till then had kept the *Scots* at a Bay, found it necessary to withdraw his Army, and with great part of it to make haste into *York*, to prevent any farther mischief there; by which means the *Scots* were at liberty to advance as they pleased; and *Fairfax* improv'd his Reputation by a speedy, and unlook'd for march into *Cheshire*.

The Marquis of New-Castle marches to oppose the Scots.

Sr Thomas Fairfax Defeats and takes Coll. Bellasis at Selby.

Whereupon the Marquis of New-Castle repairs to York.

The Marquis
of Ormond
made Lord
Lieutenant
of Ireland,
sends the
King As-
sistance.

UPON the Cessation in *Ireland*, the King made the Marquis of *Ormond* his Lieutenant of that Kingdom; and appointed him to make use of the Winter Season (when the Parliament Ships could not attend that Coast) to transport those Regiments of Foot which might be well spared during the Cessation, and which could not be supported there, to *Chester*; from whence his Majesty could easily draw them in the Spring to *Oxford*; and were, in truth, the principal Recruit, upon which he depended to enable him to take the Field. The Lord *Byron* then Commanded *Chester*, and that County; and was appointed to take care for the reception, and accommodation of those Troops; which was a right good Body of Foot, and being excellent Men, both Officers and Soldiers, carried great terror with them from the time of their Landing; and quickly freed North *Wales* from the Enemy; who at that time begun to have great power there. It was towards the end of *November* when they Landed, and being a People who had been used to little ease in *Ireland*, the King having given the Lord *Byron* leave to employ them in such Services as might secure that Country, the Season of the year made little impression on them; they were always ready, and desirous of Action; and in the space of a Month reduced, by Assault and Storm, many places of notable importance, as *Howarden-Castle*, *Bresfon-Castle*, *Crew-House*, and other places of strength; and encountering the whole Body of the Rebels, at *Middlewich* in *Cheeshire*, Broke and Defeated them with great Slaughter; and drove all that Surviv'd, and were at liberty, into *Nantwich*; the single Garrison they had then left in *Cheeshire*: into which the whole Party was retired, and which had been Fortified and Garri-soned from the beginning of the Troubles, as the only refuge for the disaffected in that County, and the Counties adjacent. The Pride of the late Success, and the Terror the Soldiers believ'd their Names carried with them, carried them at this most unseasonable time of the year thither; for it was about the first week in *January* when the Lord *Byron* came with his Army before the Town, and Summon'd it. It cannot be denied the reducing of that place at that time would have been of unspeakable importance to the King's Affairs, there being, between that and *Carlisle*, no one Town of Moment (*Manchester* only excepted) which declared against the King; and those two populous Counties of *Chester*, and *Lancashire*, if they had been united against the Parliament, would have been a strong Bulwark against the *Scots*.

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THESE considerations, and an opinion that the Town would yield as soon as Summon'd, brought the Army first thither; and then a passionate desire of Honour, and Contempt of the Enemy within, or of any other who could undertake their relief, engaged them to a farther attempt; and so they rais'd Batteries, and undertook a formal Siege against the Town. The seventeenth day of *January* they made a general Assault upon five several Quarters of the Town, somewhat before day-break, but were with equal Courage oppos'd from within, and near three hundred Men lost, or wounded in the Service; which should have prevail'd with them to have quitted their design. But those repulses sharpen, rather than abate the edge and appetite to danger; and the Assailants, no less than the Besieged, desiring an Army would come for their relief, both with equal impatience long for the same thing; the *Irish* (for under that name, for distinction sake, we call that Body of Foot, though there was not an *Irish* Man amongst them) supposing themselves Superior to any that would encounter them in the Field, and the Horse being such as might as reasonably undervalue those who were to oppose them.

IN this their confidence, supply came too soon to the Town, and confusion to the King's Forces: For *Sr Thomas Fairfax*, upon his Victory at *Selby*, brought out of *York-shire* a good Body of Horse to *Manchester*; and, out of that place, and the neighbour places, drew near three thousand Foot, with which, joyning with *Sr William Bruerton*, and some other scatter'd Forces from *Stafford-shire*, and *Derby*, who had been Routed at *Middlewich*, he advanced near *Nantwich*, before he was look'd for; the *Irish* being so over confident that he would not presume to attack them, that, though they had Advertisement of their motion, they still believ'd that his utmost design was by Alarms to force them to rise from the Town, and then to retire without fighting with them. This made them keep their Posts too long; and when they found it necessary to draw off, a little River which divided their Forces, on a suddain thaw, so much swelled above it's Banks, that the Lord *Byron* with the greatest part of the Horse, and the Foot which lay on one side of the Town, were sever'd from the rest, and compelled to march four or five miles, before he could joyn with the other; before which time the other part, being Charged by *Sr Thomas Fairfax* on the one side, and from the Town on the other, were broken; and all the Chief Officers forced to retire to a Church call'd *Acton* Church, where they were caught as in a Trap, and the Horse, by reason of the deep ways with the suddain thaw,

The Irish
Forces rais-
ed by Sr.
Thomas
Fairfax at
Nantwich.

and narrow Lanes, and great Hedges, not being able to relieve them, were compelled to yield themselves Prisoners to those whom they so much despised two hours before. There were taken, besides all the Chief and Considerable Officers of Foot, near fifteen hundred Soldiers, and all their Canon, and Carriages: The Lord *Byron* with his Horse, and the rest of his Foot, retiring to *Chester*. There cannot be given a better, or it may be, another reason for this Defeat, besides the Providence of God, which was the effect of the other, than the extreme contempt and disdain this Body had of the Enemy; and the presumption in their own Strength, Courage, and Conduct; which made them not enough think, and rely upon Him who alone disposes of the event of Battles: though it must be acknowledged, most of the Officers were Persons of signal Virtue, and Sobriety; and, in their own Natures, of great Modesty and Piety; so hard it is to suppress those motions, which Success, Valour, and even the Conscience of the Cause, is apt to produce in Men not over-much inclined to presumption.

THERE was another result of Council at *Oxford*, in this Winter Season, which deserves to be mention'd; and the rather, because all the inducements thereunto were not generally understood, nor known to many; and therefore grew afterwards to be the most censured. When the *Scots* were visibly Arm'd, and upon their march into *England*, which the King was the last Man in believing; and when there was no way to stop, or divert them, his Majesty was the better inclined to hearken to some Men of that Nation, who had been long proposing a way to give them so much trouble at home, that they should not be at leisure to infect or trouble their Neighbours; to which Propositions less care had been given, out of too much confidence in Persons, upon whose integrity or interest there had been too great a dependence.

The Earl of Mountrose comes to the King, and informs him of the state of Scotland.

The Earl of *Mountrose*, a young Man of a great Spirit, and of the most ancient Nobility, had been one of the most principal and active Covenanters in the beginning of the Troubles; but soon after, upon his observation of the unwarrantable prosecution of it, he gave over that Party, and his Command in that Army; and at the King's being in *Scotland*; after the pacification, had made full tender of his Service to his Majesty; and was so much in the jealousy, and detestation of the violent Party, whereof the Earl of *Argyle* was the Head, that there was no cause or room left to doubt his sincerity to the King.

UPON the beginning of the Parliament at *Edenborough*, and the manifestation that Duke *Hamilton* would give no opposition

position to the proceedings thereof (as hath been mention'd before) the Earl privately withdrew out of *Scotland*, and came to the King few days before the Siege was rais'd from *Glasceffer*, and gave his Majesty the first clear information of the carriage and behaviour of Duke *Hamilton*, and of the posture that Kingdom would speedily be in, and of the resolutions that would be there taken; and made some smart Propositions to the King for the remedy; which there was not then time to consult; but as soon as the King retired to *Oxford*, after the Battle of *Newbury*, and had had fuller intelligence, by the report of others of that Nobility who deserv'd to be trusted, how the Affairs stood in *Scotland*; and heard that Duke *Hamilton*, and his Brother, the Earl of *Laurick*, were upon their way as far as *Tork* towards *Oxford*; his Majesty was very willing to hearken to the Earl of *Mountrose*, and the rest, what could be done to prevent that mischief that was like to ensue. But they all unanimously declared, "That they durst make no Propositions for the advancement of the King's Service, except they might be first assured, that no part of it should be communicated to Duke *Hamilton*; nor He suffer'd to have any part or share in any Action that should depend upon it; for they were most assured that he had always betray'd his Majesty; and that it had been absolutely in his power, to have prevented this new Combination, if he would resolutely have oppos'd it. But if they might be secure in that Particular, they would make some such attempt under his Majesty's Commission in their own Country, as might possibly make some disturbance there. His Majesty thought he had much less reason to be confident of the Duke than formerly; for he had expressly fail'd of doing somewhat which he had promised to do; yet he thought, he had not ground enough to withdraw all kind of Trust from him, except he did, at the same time, secure him from being able to do him farther mischief; towards which kind of severity, he did not think he had evidence enough. Besides he had a very good opinion of the Earl of *Laurick*, as a Man of much more plainness and sincerity, than his Brother; as in truth he was. That he might bring himself to a full resolution in this important Affair, his Majesty appointed the Lord Keeper, his two Secretaries, the Master of the Rolls, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to examine the Earl of *Mountrose*, the Earl of *Kinnoul*, the Lord *Ogilby*, and some others, upon Oath, of all things they could accuse Duke *Hamilton*, or his Brother *Laurick* of; and to take their Examinations in writing; that so his Majesty might discover, whether their Errors proceeded from infidelity, and

consider the better, what Course to observe in his proceedings with them; and this was carried with as much secrecy, as an Affair of that Nature could be, wherein so many were trusted.

UPON their Examination, there appear'd too much cause to conclude, that the Duke had not behaved himself with that Loyalty, as he ought to have done. The Earl of *Montrose*, whilst he had been of that Party, had been privy to much of his Correspondence, and Intelligence. But most of the particulars related to the time when he Commanded the Fleet in the *Firth*, and when he had many Conferences with his Mother (who was a Woman most passionate in those contrivances) and with others of that Party; and when he did nothing to hurt, or incommode the Enemy; all which was expressly pardoned by the Act of Oblivion, which had been passed with all formality and solemnity by the King in the Parliament of both Kingdoms: And, so much as to question what was so forgot, might raise a greater fire, than that which they desir'd to quench; though the knowing so many particulars might be a good and proper Caution. In the late transactions of *Scotland*, it was manifest that the Duke had absolutely opposed all Overtures of force, and of seizing those Persons who could only be able to raise new Troubles; which had been very easy to have done; and that he had betray'd the King, and all the Lords, in consenting to the meeting of the Parliament, called and summoned against the King's express Pleasure and Command, and without any pretence of Law. And to this, the King's Approbation and Consent had been shew'd to them, by the Duke, under the King's own hand; which they durst not disobey, though they foresaw the mischief.

THE Case was thus; the Duke had given the King an account, after he had himself promised him that the Parliament should never be assembled (which his Majesty abhor'd) "That though some few hot, and passionate Men, desir'd to
"put themselves in Arms, to stop both Elections of the Mem-
"bers and any meeting together in Parliament; yet, that
"all sober Men who could bear any considerable part in the
"Action, were clearly of the opinion, to take as much pains
"as they could to cause good Elections to be made, and then
"to appear themselves, and that they had hope to have such
"a Major part, that they might more advantageously dis-
"solve the Meeting as soon as they came together, than pre-
"vent it; however, that Then would be the fit time to pro-
"test against it, and immediately to put themselves into Arms,
"for which they would be well provided at the same time;
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and to this he desired the King's positive direction. And his Majesty, in Answer to it, had said, "Since it was the opinion of all his Friends, he would not Command them to do that which was against their Judgment; but would attend the Success; and was content that they should all appear in the Parliament at it's first meeting; and the Duke had shewed the Lords those words in the King's Letter, with which they acquiesced, without knowing any thing of the ground of such his permission: whereas, in truth, there was no one Person who was of that Opinion, or had given that Counsel, but had still detested the Expedient when proposed.

THEN the Duke's Carriage in the Parliament, and his Brother's, at their first coming together, appear'd to be as is set down before, by the Testimony of those who were present; and the Earl of *Laurence* applying the Signet to the Proclamation for that Rendezvous where the Army was to be compounded, was not thought capable of any excuse; and so the clear state of the Evidence, upon the Depositions of the Persons examin'd, was presented to the King for his own determination. His Majesty had some thoughts of sending to the Marquis of *New-Castle* to stop the Duke and his Brother at *York*, and not suffer them to come nearer; but whilst that was in deliberation, they both came to *Oxford*, and meant the same Night to have kissed their Majesties Hands; but as soon as they arriv'd, they receiv'd a Command from the King, "To keep their Chambers; and had a Guard attended them. The King resolv'd to consult the whole Affair then with the Council Board, whereas, hitherto the Examinations had been taken by a Committee, to the end that he might resolve what way to proceed; and to that purpose directed that a Transcript might be prepared, of all the Examinations at large; and that the Witnesses might be ready to appear before the Board, if it should be thought necessary: His Majesty at that time inclining to have both the Lords present, and the Depositions read, and the Witnesses confronted before them. But whilst this was preparing, the second Morning after their coming to the Town, the Earl of *Laurence*, either having corrupted or deluded the Guard, found a means to escape; and by the assistance of one *Cunningham* (a Gentleman of the Privy Chamber, and of that Nation) had Horses ready; with which the Earl and his Friend fled, and went directly to *London*; where he was very well receiv'd. Hereupon the King inform'd the Board of the whole Affair; and because one of them was escaped, and the matters against the other having been transacted

Duke Hamilton
made Prisoner at
Oxford.

Mr Pym's
death.

in *Scotland*, and so, in many respects, it was not a Season to proceed judicially against him, it was thought enough for the present to prevent his doing farther Mischief, by putting him under a secure restraint: and so he was sent in Custody to the Castle at *Bristol*, and from thence to *Exeter*, and so to the Castle at *Pendennis* in *Cornwall*; where We shall at the present leave him.

ABOUT this time the Councils at *Westminster* lost a principal Supporter, by the death of *Jo. Pym*; who died with great Torment and Agony of a Disease unusual, and therefore the more spoken of, *Morbus pediculofus*, as was reported; which render'd him an Object very Loathsome to those who had been most delighted with him. No Man had more to answer for the Miseries of the Kingdom, or had his Hand, or Head, deeper in their Contrivance. And yet, I believe, they grew much higher even in his Life, than he design'd. He was a Man of a private Quality and Condition of Life; his Education in the Office of the *Exchequer*, where he had been a Clerk; and his Parts rather acquired by Industry, than supplied by Nature, or adorn'd by Art. He had been well known in former Parliaments; and was one of those few, who had sat in many; the long intermission of Parliaments having worn out most of those who had been acquainted with the Rules, and Orders observ'd in those Conventions. This gave him some Reputation, and Reverence amongst those who were but now introduced.

He had been most taken notice of, for being concern'd and passionate in the jealousies of Religion, and much troubled with the countenance which had been given to those Opinions that had been imputed to *Arminius*; and this gave him great Authority and Interest with those who were not pleased with the Government of the Church, or the growing Power of the Clergy: yet himself industriously took care to be believ'd, and he profess'd to be very entire to the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of *England*. In the short Parliament before this, he spoke much, and appeared to be the most Leading Man; for, besides the exact knowledge of the Former, and Orders of that Council, which few Men had, he had a very comely and grave way of expressing himself, with great volubility of words, natural, and proper; and understood the Temper and Affections of the Kingdom as well as any Man; and had observ'd the errors and mistakes in Government; and knew well how to make them appear greater than they were. After the unhappy Dissolution of that Parliament, he continued for the most part about *London*, in Conversation and great Repute amongst those Lords who

who were most strangers to the Court, and were believ'd most averse to it; in whom he improved all imaginable jealousies, and discontents towards the State; and as soon as this Parliament was resolv'd to be summon'd, he was as diligent to procure such Persons to be Elected, as he knew to be most inclin'd to the way he meant to take.

AT the first opening of this Parliament, he appeared passionate and prepar'd against the Earl of *Strafford*; and though in private designing he was much govern'd by Mr *Hambden*, and Mr *Saint-John*, yet he seem'd to all Men to have the greatest Influence upon the House of Commons of any Man; and, in truth, I think he was at that time, and some Months after, the most Popular Man, and the most able to do hurt, that hath liv'd in any time. Upon the first design of softening, and obliging the powerful Persons in both Houses, when it was resolv'd to make the Earl of *Bedford* Lord High Treasurer of *England*, the King likewise intended to make Mr *Pym* Chancellor of the Exchequer; for which he receiv'd his Majesty's promise, and made a return of a suitable profession of his service and devotion; and thereupon, the other being no secret, somewhat declin'd from that sharpness in the House, which was more Popular than any Man's, and made some Overtures to provide for the Glory and Splendour of the Crown; in which he had so ill success, that his Interest and Reputation there, visibly abated; and he found that he was much better able to do Hurt than Good; which wrought very much upon him to Melancholy, and complaint of the violence and discomposure of the People's Affections, and Inclinations. In the end, whether upon the death of the Earl of *Bedford*, he despair'd of that Preferment, or whether he was guilty of any thing, which upon his Conversion to the Court, he thought might be discover'd to his damage, or for pure want of Courage, he suffer'd himself to be carried by those who would not follow Him; and so continued in the head of those who made the most desperate Propositions.

IN the Prosecution of the Earl of *Strafford*, his Carriage and Language was such as express'd much Personal Animosity; and he was accused of having practis'd some Arts in it not worthy a good Man; as an *Irish* Man of very mean and low condition afterwards acknowledged, that being brought to him, as an Evidence of one part of the Charge against the Lord Lieutenant, in a particular of which a Person of so vile Quality would not be reasonably thought a competent Informer; Mr *Pym* gave him Money to buy him a Sattin Sure and Cloak; in which Equipage he appear'd at the Trial, and gave his Evidence; which if true, may make many other

other things which were confidently reported afterwards of him, to be believ'd; as that he receiv'd a great Sum of Money from the *French* Embassadour (which hath been before mention'd) to hinder the Transportation of those Regiments of *Ireland* into *Flanders*, upon the disbanding that Army there; which had been prepared by the Earl of *Strafford* for the business of *Scotland*; in which, if his Majesty's directions and commands had not been diverted, and contradicted, by the Houses, many do believe the Rebellion in *Ireland* had not happen'd.

CERTAIN it is, that his power of doing Shrewd Turns was extraordinary, and no less in doing good Offices for particular Persons; and that he did preserve many from censure, who were under the severe displeasure of the Houses, and look'd upon as eminent Delinquents; and the Quality of many of them made it believ'd, that he had sold that protection for valuable Considerations. From the time of his being accus'd of High Treason by the King, with the Lord *Kimbolton*, and the other Members, he never entertain'd thoughts of moderation, but always oppos'd all Overtures of Peace and Accommodation; and when the Earl of *Essex* was dispos'd, the last Summer, by those Lords to an inclination towards a Treaty, as is before remember'd, Mr *Pym's* power and dexterity wholly changed him, and wrought him to that temper, which he afterwards swerv'd not from. He was wonderfully solicitous for the *Scots* coming in to their Assistance, though his indisposition of body was so great, that it might well have made another impression upon his mind. During his sickness, he was a very sad Spectacle; but none being admitted to him who had not concurr'd with him, it is not known what his last thoughts, and considerations were. He died towards the end of *December*, before the *Scots* enter'd; and was buried with wonderful Pomp and Magnificence, in that place where the Bones of our *English* Kings and Princes are committed to their rest.

The Prince
Elector Ar-
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THE Arrival of the Prince Elector at *London* was no less the discourse of all Tongues, than the death of Mr *Pym*. He had been in *England* before the Troubles, and was receiv'd and cherish'd by the King with great demonstration of grace and kindness, and supplied with a Pension of twelve thousand pounds Sterling yearly. When the King left *London*, he attended his Majesty to *York*, and resided there with him till the differences grew so high, that his Majesty found it necessary to resolve to raise an Army for his Defence. Then, on the suddain, without giving the King many days notice of his resolution, that Prince left the Court; and taking

taking the opportunity of an ordinary Vessel, Embark'd himself for *Holland*, to the wonder of all Men; who thought it an unseasonable Declaration of his fear, at least of the Parliament, and his desire of being well esteem'd by them, when it was evident they esteem'd not the King as they should. And this was the more spoken of, when it was afterwards known that the Parliament expressed a good Sense of his having deserted the King, and imputed it to his Conscience, "That he knew of some such designs of his Majesty, as he could not comply with. At this time, after many loud discourses of his coming (which were deriv'd to *Oxford*, as somewhat that might have an influence upon his Majesty's Counsels, there being then several whispers of some high proceedings they intended against the King) he arriv'd at *London*, and was receiv'd with Ceremony; Lodged in *White-Hall*, and order taken for the payment of that Pension which had been formerly assign'd to him by his Majesty; and a particular direction by both Houses, "That he should be admitted to sit in the Assembly of Divines; where, after he had taken the Covenant, he was contented to be often present: of all which the King took no other notice, than sometimes to express, "That he was sorry on his Nephew's behalf, "that he thought fit to declare such a compliance.

THE Defeat of Colonel *John Bellasis* at *Selby*, by *Sr Thomas Fairfax*, and the destruction of all the *Irish* Regiments under the Lord *Byron*, together with the terror of the *Scottish* Army, had so let loose all the King's Enemies in the Northern parts, which were lately at the King's devotion, that his Friends were in great distress in all places, before the Season was ripe to take the Field. The Earl of *Derby*, who had kept *Lancashire* in reasonable Subjection, and inclosed all the Enemies of that County within the Town of *Manchester*, was no longer able to continue that restraint, but forced to place himself at a farther distance from them; which was like, in a short time, to encrease the Number of the Rebels there. *Newark*, a very necessary Garrison in the County of *Nottingham*, which had not only subjected that little County, the Town of *Nottingham* only excepted, which was upon the matter confin'd within it's own Walls, but had kept a great part of the large County of *Lincoln* under Contribution, was now reduced to so great streights by the Forces of that Country, under the Command of *Meldrum* a *Scotch*-Man, with addition of others from *Hull*, that they were compell'd to beg relief from the King at *Oxford*; whilst the Marquis of *New-Castle* had enough to do to keep the *Scots* at a Bay, and to put *York* in a condition to endure a Siege, if he should be forced to continue within those Walls.

Prince Ru-
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and effected
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IN these streights, though it was yet the depth of Winter, and to provide the better for the security of *Shrewsbury*, and *Chester*, and North *Wales*, all which were terrified with the Defeat of the Lord *Byron*, the King found it necessary to send Prince *Rupert*, with a good Body of chosen Horse, and Dragoons, and some Foot, with direction, after he had visited *Shrewsbury* and *Chester*, and used all possible Endeavours to make new Levies, that he should attempt the relief of *Newark*: which, being lost, would cut off all possible Communication between *Oxford* and *York*. In *Newark*, the Garrison consisted most of the Gentry of the County, and the Inhabitants, ill supplied with any thing requisite to a Siege, but Courage and excellent Affections. The Enemy entrench'd themselves before the Town, and proceeded by approach; conceiving they had time enough, and not apprehending it possible to be disturb'd: and indeed it was not easy for the King to find a way for their relief. To send a Body from *Oxford* was very hazardous, and the Enemy so strong, as they would quickly follow; so that there was no hope but from *Shrewsbury*, and *Chester*, where Prince *Rupert* had given so much life to those parts, and drawn so considerable a Body together, that the Enemy found little advantage by their late Victory, in the enlargement of their Quarters. His Highness then resolv'd to try what he could do for *Newark*, and undertook it before he was ready for it, and thereby perform'd it. For the Enemy, who had always excellent Intelligence, was so confident that he had not a strength sufficient to attempt that work, that he was within six Miles of them, before they believ'd he thought of the said Charging and Routing some of their Horse, pursued them with that Expedition, that he Besieged them in their own Intrenchment, with his Horse, before his Foot came within four Miles. In that consternation, they concluding that he must have a vast power and strength, to bring them into those streights, He, with a Number inferior to the Enemy, and utterly unaccommodated for an Action of time, brought them to accept of leave to depart, that is to disband, without their Arms, or any Carriage or Baggage. Thus he reliev'd *Newark*, and took above four thousand Arms, eleven Pieces of Brass Canon, two Mortar Pieces, and above fifty Barrels of Powder; which was as unexpected a Victory, as any happen'd throughout the War; with this prosperous Action, which was perform'd on the 22^d of *March*, We shall conclude the Transactions of this Year.

THE END OF THE SEVENTH BOOK.

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